

Vancouver Symphony reaches goal



Scott Milam

In just over two weeks, the response by concert-goers and local businesses to The Vancouver Symphony Orchestra's April "Save the Music" campaign has helped the orchestra surpass its goal of \$20,000 by April 30 with eighteen days to go, Interim Executive Director **Scott Milam** announced this week.

As of April 12, The VSO had received more than \$25,000 in donations from 64 music-loving fans and businesses toward preserving the May concert as well as paying musician and staff salaries. The VSO's three newest Young Artists will play with The VSO on May 29 & 30, with each young artist playing the composition that won them the gold medal in their categories.

"The reaction from our audience has been extraordinary," Milam said. "While \$20,000 was the amount needed for us to maintain our May concert, every dollar contributed now works toward helping us mount a sensational 32nd season starting this October."

For more information, visit www.vancouversymphony.org.

U.S. Chamber official to speak Thursday at Camas Washougal Chamber of Commerce



Renee Radcliff Sinclair

Renee Radcliff Sinclair, the director of congressional and public affairs for the U.S. Chamber of Commerce, will speak at the Camas Washougal Chamber of Commerce luncheon at noon on Thursday, April 15, at the Camas Meadows Golf Club, 4105 Camas Meadows Drive.

Sinclair will address the impact of decisions being made in the United States Congress on business. Sinclair's background includes serving as a Washington state representative and 14 years as a journalist.

Doors open at 11:30 a.m. for networking. Admission is \$15 for members and \$20 for non-members.

Call **360-834-2472** or email chandra@cwchamber.com for reservations. Online reservations are also available at <http://www.cwchamber.com>.

Fort Vancouver Reserve Trust readies for Independence Day festivities



Preparations are underway for 2010 Independence Day festivities at the Fort Vancouver National Site.

Plans were scrapped in 2009 because of a financial shortfall. This year, the Fort Vancouver National Site, in partnership with Bank of America, is offering a revamped event.

Applications for food and beverage vendors are due on Friday, April 23. Arts and crafts vendors are asked to submit applications by Friday, May 21.

Registration has also opened for the Sing 4th competition. Auditions will be granted to the first 60 Clark County high school students who contact contest organizers at 360-992-1800 or via email at sing4th@fortvan.org.

Auditions are scheduled for 1 p.m. on Saturday, June 12. At that time, a panel of judges will choose 10 finalists who will compete on the main stage on the Fourth of July. The winner receives a \$500 scholarship, among other prizes.

More information is available at <http://www.fortvan.org>.

News Briefs

The National Weather Service is offering a free training for volunteer weather spotters starting at 7 p.m. on Tuesday, April 20, at the Northwest Regional Training Center, 11606 NE 66th Circle in Orchards. For more information, visit <http://www.wr.noaa.gov/pqr/skytraining.php>. <> The Clark County Skills Center is hosting its annual Summer Country Barbecue at 6:30 p.m. on Friday, May 14 in the skills center restaurant, 12200 NE 28th St. in Vancouver. The meal will be prepared and students of the center's culinary arts program. Tickets are \$25. Contact **Robin McColley** at 360-604-1054 or email robbin.mccolley@evergreenps.org. <> Admission to the Marshall Lecture on Thursday, May 20, is free, but tickets are required and seating is limited. **Jonathan Jarvis**, the director of the National Park Service, is the speaker. The lecture begins at 11:30 a.m. at Hudson's Bay High School, 1206 East Reserve Street in Vancouver. Tickets can be printed from the Fort Vancouver Reserve Trust's Web site at www.fortvan.org. <> Market Place News on West Evergreen Blvd. in downtown Vancouver no longer offers C-TRAN tickets & passes. For other outlets, visit www.c-tran.com. <> Both Washington and Oregon have extended the deadline for studded snow tires to Saturday, April 17.

Calendar

Tickets are still available for the Friends of the Vancouver Symphony Orchestra's Spring Luncheon. The fundraiser is planned to begin at 11:30 a.m. on Tuesday, May 4, at the Royal Oaks Country Club, 8917 NE Fourth Plain Blvd. **Pat Jollota** is the guest speaker, with entertainment provided by singer **Jennifer Prescott**. For more information, visit www.vancouversymphony.org. <> Workshops will be offered at Washington State University Vancouver on Tuesday, April 20, as part of the 36th annual Edward R. Murrow Symposium. For more information, visit <http://murrowsymposium.wsu.edu>.

Tuesday on the air

The Impact of Transportation Gaps on Health Care Access in Clark and Cowlitz Counties (3-27)
— 7:30 p.m. CVTV 23

Targeting and Detention of Immigrants (3-27) — 8:30 p.m. CVTV 23

Town Tabloids and the weather

Another little **Prince** expected in November. <> **Mon Ami** hosting photo contest. <> **Tuesday**, showers, 60-40. **Wednesday**, evening showers, 65-47. **Thursday**, few showers, 69-48.