

Symphony raises \$5,000 in five days

The Vancouver Symphony Orchestra's "Save the Music" fundraising campaign has brought in \$5,000 in five days.

The campaign was launched after budget shortfalls led the organization to cancel concerts planned for April 17 and 18. The goal is to raise \$20,000 by the end of April. Ticket sales pay only 20 percent of the symphony's expenses, with the rest paid by donations and corporate sponsorships. Those expenses include the salary for **Maestro Salvador Brotons**, rehearsal space and rental fees for the performance space at Skyview High School. The concerts planned on May 29 and 30 will feature the three student musicians selected as Young Artists on March 7.

"We know that that May will be one of the joyous and enthusiastic concerts of the season. Being able to present our young artists, along with a full concert of waltzes and polkas, will end our year with a bang," says **Scott Milam**, executive director of the symphony.

Deadline for tire removal extended to April 10

Due to the threat of more severe winter weather forecast for the Cascade mountain range, Washington State Department of Transportation officials today extended the deadline to remove studded tires through April 10. Drivers must remove their studded tires by 12:01 a.m. Sunday, April 11.

Washington State Patrol troopers enforce a \$124 fine for those who use studded tires after the deadline. No one can guarantee ice - and snow-free roadways, so WSDOT encourages drivers, especially those heading into the higher elevations, to plan ahead and be mindful of road conditions.

On the WSDOT Winter Driving Web site, www.wsdot.wa.gov/winter, you can find ways to prepare for winter driving, winter driving tips, plus more about WSDOT's winter roadway operations, snow and ice removal and avalanche control. The deadline has also been extended to April 10 in Oregon.

Sail the Seven Seas with Jim Fischer and Friends is the name of the annual benefit for Fort Vancouver Seafarers Center, scheduled for 7 p.m. on Sunday, April 18, at the Royal Durst Theater, 3101 Main Street, Vancouver.

Vancouver pianist **Jim Fischer** will be joined by several performers including **Inna Karakuts**, **Kyra Smith**, **David Cooley** and **Ian Fellars**. The evening will also feature dancers from Vancouver's Danceworks.

The proceeds from the concert benefit the Fort Vancouver Seafarers Center, a non-denominational ministry that offers assistance and a welcoming hand to working seafarers from around the globe when their cargo ships are loading or unloading at the Port of Vancouver. Tickets are \$20. Call the Seafarers Center at **360-694-9300**.

News Briefs

The Nutter Foundation is accepting community grant applications. The foundation supports nonprofit organizations that focus on youth development programs. In 2009, the foundation awarded more than \$100,000. Applications are available online at www.nutterfoundation.org. <> The city of Vancouver is seeking applicants for a full-term position on the new Clark County Arts Commission. The 11-member commission will work to enhance and support the growth of the local economy through collaboration among patrons of the arts, artists, the business community, service groups and schools. Applications are due on April 5. Contact **Cara Cantonwine** at **360-487-8630**. <> Those interested in attending the Clark County Mural Society's "Art on the Block" on Thursday, April 8, at the Vancouver Marketplace are asked to RSVP by April 5 to **Lynn Krogseng**, **360-852-1165** or via e-mail at lynn@krogseng.com. <> 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. <> **iQ Credit Union** has been named 2009 Lender of the Year by SunTrust Mortgage, a wholly-owned subsidiary of SunTrust Bank. The award recognizes the mortgage lender's key business relationships within the mortgage industry. "We are so honored to receive this award," said **Roger Michaelis**, chief executive officer, iQ Credit Union. "We look forward to our continued relationship with SunTrust and to providing our customers with access to the high quality financial services they need."

Calendar

Wednesday on the air

Vancouver City Council (3-15) — 7 p.m. CVTV 21

Clark County Orchestra Winter Concert (3-10) — 9:30 p.m. CVTV 21