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Orchestra Performs "Mexican Traditions" Symphony concert to features charismatic composer

The Vancouver Symphony Orchestra's Silver Anniversary concert season celebration continues in January with the much-anticipated "Mexican Traditions," an intriguing classical program imported from exotic Mexico and featuring the charismatic Guillermo Salvador from Guadalajara, Jalisco as guest conductor.

Maestro Guillermo has a professional background as a brilliant pianist, both in recitmost important orchestras in Mexico and abroad. The Gov-2001.



Guillermo Salvador

The symphony will feature by Mexican composers, including Silvestre Revueltas. chestras among his playmates. the Afro-Cuban rhythms bring concert.

He went onto developahighly a pronounced sensuality to unique musical language the surface. rooted in the folk idiom of his native land.

"Moncayo's Haupango"; a well-known melodies from the symphonic works written in rich in freshness and charm. Mexico.

The "danzon" became popular in Mexico almost as soon as Other selections include it gained notoriety in Cuba.

The program concludes with folk-medley based on three George Bizet's Symphony #1 in C. Composed when he was port city of Alvarado. This only seventeen and still a stubrilliant rhapsody has become dent at the Paris Conservatory, one of the most well known the music has a youthful feel.

Performances will be held The concert will also in- Saturday, Jan. 25 at 3 p.m. als and as a soloist with the a diverse selection of music clude works of a Cuban ori- and Sunday, Jan. 26 at 7 p.m. gin. The "danzon" typically A "Musical Conversation," an features instrumental solos. informal talk about the music ernment of Mexico named him As a child, Revueltas played The dance begins formally and and composers, begins at 2 best musician of the year in the violin and organized or- restrained then picks up as p.m, preceding Saturday's

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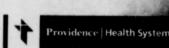
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