Guest conductor from Italy to lead Clark orchestra

Guest conductor Antonello Gotta from Italy will lead the Clark College orchestra during a concert set for Wed., Dec. 3, 7:30 p.m., at the Vancouver School of Arts and Academics, 3101 Main St., Vancouver.

Gotta is a member of the Central Commission of Music in the Italian Ministry of Tourism. He is co-founder of the Italian Opera Company. He studied piano, composition and conducting at the Turin Conservatory. He received first prize in the Robert Schumann International Piano Competition in 1984.

Performing with the orchestra will be pianist Maurizio Barboro, also from Italy.

Barboro won several international piano contests. He has played with orchestras in Europe, Asia and North America. He is chair of piano at the Ghedini Conservatory of Cuneo and a teacher of international specialization courses. He has recorded the complete collection of Shostakovich's concertos for piano and orchestra with the Belarus National Philharmonic Orchestra.

Admission to the Dec. 3 concert is free, with donations invited at the door to the orchestra general fund.

More information is available by calling 992-2662.