

TANI ZARELLI

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Clark County's Tani Zarelli looking forward to Vancouver maestro's upcoming Israel performance

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CLARK COUNTY -- She's traveled enough to know the truth of the saying "it's a small world." But while leading a group that included fellow Clark County residents on a recent tour of Israel, Tani Zarelli received a pleasant reminder.

Tani's tour group this time included Jean Hix, a member of the Friends of the Vancouver Symphony Orchestra. Jean told Tani the VSO's conductor and music director, Salvador Brotons, would be traveling to Israel for a Feb. 17 date to conduct the Symphonetta orchestra in Raanana, a city that is about half the size of Vancouver and, like Clark County, is a high-tech center.

"I was completely surprised. I had no idea the maestro had already been to Israel four times already to conduct," Tani explains. "I was so excited that I immediately invited several Israeli friends to join me in Raanana that night."

Tani's efforts to connect Americans with Israel are well-known there, and she is using her contacts in Israel to publicize the appearance by her local symphony's conductor. The Israeli minister of culture, who was a speaker at a conference Tani hosted in Clark County in 2007, may also be able to attend the Raanana performance, she added.

"This is just one more connection between two places I love: Clark County, and Israel," said Tani.

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