

**MASTER PIANIST SUSAN STARR TO PERFORM WITH
MIAMI SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA IN "MASTERS SERIES" APRIL 26 – APRIL 27**

MIAMI – In two concerts, April 26 at UM/Gusman Hall and April 27 at Lincoln Theatre, Maestro Eduardo Marturet and the Miami Symphony Orchestra will showcase the remarkable talents of superstar pianist Susan Starr as part of the symphony's "Master Series".

The April performances mark the conclusion of the symphony's 2007/2008 "Evenings of Great Music" concert season.

Acclaimed and admired around the world for decades, Susan Starr continues to galvanize audiences with her brilliant piano artistry. The New York Times calls her a "star of great magnitude" while *Le Libre Belique* of Brussels states, "Greatness such as that of Susan Starr, one finds only two or three times in a generation."

Over the course of her stunning career, Ms. Starr has performed on stage with the great conductors of our time, including Shostakovich, Leonard Bernstein, Arthur Fielder, Eugene Ormandy, Max Rudolf, William Steinberg and countless others.

Now Miami audiences have a chance to hear the exciting Ms. Starr ignite the keyboard as soloist with the Miami Symphony Orchestra under the baton of our own Music Director and Conductor, Maestro Eduardo Marturet.

As the glittering centerpiece of an evening of outstanding compositions by esteemed masters of the classical world, Ms. Starr will apply her "poetic interpretation and impassioned fire" to one of Beethoven's most complex, artistic and beloved pieces, the Piano Concerto N. 4.

The Miami Symphony Orchestra opens the program with the Die Meistersinger Overture by Richard Wagner, and ends with Sibelius' Symphony N. 2., known for its dramatic finale.

"Throughout the season we've introduced new artists and new music to Miami audiences. Now we conclude the 2007/2008 season with a tribute to three enduring masters of the music world—Wagner, Beethoven and Sibelius. Appropriately, we've chosen a guest soloist whose mastery of her instrument is complete and unsurpassed, Susan Starr."

Individual tickets are still available for both April 26 at UM/Gusman and April 27 at Lincoln Theatre and can be purchased directly by calling the Miami Symphony Orchestra, (305) 275-5666. Single ticket prices begin at \$15. Curtain time for both concerts is 8:00 p.m. For more information about the Miami Symphony Orchestra and for details on other upcoming concerts, contact (305) 275-5666 or log onto the symphony's website at [www. Miamisymphony.org](http://www.Miamisymphony.org).

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End Notes

Available: JPEGs, Interviews with Eduardo Marturet, Background; Complimentary Media tickets

ABOUT THE MSO

The Miami Symphony Orchestra, Music Director and Conductor Maestro Eduardo Marturet, was founded in 1988 by Maestro Manuel Ochoa. MSO is Dade County's flagship orchestra, numbering more than 80 musicians representing 22 nationalities, drawn from the finest orchestras around the world and throughout the United States. Now in its 19th season, and hailed as "a magnificent symphonic orchestra which captures the city's spirit," the MSO has performed at Art Basel Miami Beach and on the stage of Carnegie Hall in New York City. Beginning with the 2005-06 season, the MSO doubled its budget and adopted a five-year plan allowing an increase in the number of subscription concerts it performs to 16 a year, expand its public school program, and provide free concerts at various venues in Dade County, including the inner city of Miami. For more information about the Miami Symphony Orchestra, visit the Web site at www.miamisymphony.org, or call (305) 275-5666.

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