

**MIAMI SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA CELEBRATES 20<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY SEASON  
WITH AN EXCITING AND ECLECTIC PROGRAM SERIES FOR 2008/2009**

*Three World Premieres, Four Florida Premieres Plus A Salute to Art & Jazz,  
"Made In America" and Stellar Guest Artists Highlight Twentieth Anniversary Season*

MIAMI, FL (July 20, 2008) – From the Gala Opening Night at the Adrienne Arsht Center for the Performing Arts, on October 18<sup>th</sup> to the explosive Season Finale May 1 and 2, the Miami Symphony Orchestra under the baton of Maestro Eduardo Marturet, Music Director and Conductor, will celebrate its 20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Season with a fireworks display of beautiful music, stellar guest artists and exciting world premieres.

For the 2008/2009 program year, the Miami Symphony Orchestra will perform two concerts at the Arsht Center's Knight Concert Hall and five concert series at the Gusman Concert Hall at the University of Miami and the Lincoln Theatre. All performances begin at 8:00 p.m.

The Miami Symphony Orchestra, kicks off their 20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Season at the Arsht Center's Knight Concert Hall with a GALA OPENING NIGHT featuring pre and post concert receptions for VIP ticket holders complete with a backstage event with Maestro Marturet. The Maestro and orchestra provide appropriate fanfare for the Gala with festive music by Shostakovich, Brahms, Ravel and Rimsky-Korsakov, including the exquisite, richly lyrical Violin Concerto by Brahms. Internationally acclaimed violinist, Alexis Cardenas is guest soloist for the evening.

In December, the symphony celebrates Art Basel with an exciting and diverse program some ART, JAZZ and BASIL featuring Ravel's Bolero, works by Britten and Marquez and two Florida premieres—one by Malcolm Arnold and the second by Astor Piazzolla.

A much anticipated program each season is the symphony's popular EVENING IN VIENNA returning this year in January with a splendid selection of the grandest overtures, waltzes and dances from the world's most beloved composers, Beethoven, Brahms and Johann Strauss. Francisco Flores, a gold medal winner, is guest artist for this spectacular program scheduled for January 11, 2009 at Knight Concert Hall, Arsht Center for the Performing Arts.

The Miami Symphony's musical celebration continues in February with a program series that includes music by Dvorak and by the legendary jazz pianist and composer, Shelly Berg. Berg will be present and in fact will solo for the Florida premiere of his captivating Blackbird Pavanne, Incandescent, Iridescent, Effervescent. Adding to the excitement of this series, the Ford Motor Company Fund has selected the Miami Symphony Orchestra and Maestro Marturet to premiere a wonderful new composition, "Chasing Light...", by Joseph Schwantner, the Pulitzer Prize-winning American composer. Each year, the Ford Motor Company Fund selects a group of orchestras - at least one in each state, to introduce a new work by an American artist. The Miami Symphony Orchestra is proud to have been selected to debut "Chasing Light...", and will introduce the piece in February as part of its MADE IN AMERICA series.

Other highlights of the 2008/09 20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Season include THE ROMANTIC SERIES in March featuring the exceptional playing of 12-year old child prodigy

George Li, pianist and the exquisite voice of lyric coloratura soprano Susana Diaz. The Romantic Series is also the platform for the World Premiere of Langsamer Satz by Austrian composer Anton Webern.

In April, the Miami Symphony Orchestra introduces THE DISCOVERY SERIES featuring the World Premiere of In Memoriam Earle Brown by the internationally acclaimed composer, Orlando Jacinto Garcia. Wagner's Siegfried Idyll, Respighi's Trittico Botticelliano and Ibert's Divertissement complete the series program.

Maestro Marturet ends the 20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Season on a high, celebratory note in May with the World Premiere of Tangos & Mangos Francisco Nuñez plus Concierto de Aranjuez a beautiful classical guitar composition by Spanish composer Joaquin Rodrigo, the renowned Planets by Gustav Holst and the stunning artistry and world class talent of guest soloist Angel Romero, classical guitarist.

Subscriptions for the full season begin at \$95 for section D, and range to \$385 for A seats. Single tickets may be purchased for individual concerts, ranging from \$15 to \$60 at Gusman Concert Hall and Lincoln Theatre, and \$20 to \$75 for performances at the Carnival Center. A limited number of Golden Seats, priced at \$150 each, are available for Miami Symphony Orchestra concerts held at the Adrienne Arsht Center for the Performing Arts. A limited number of VIP tickets for the Gala Opening Night with special box seating and the pre and post receptions and parties are available for \$500 each, Group tickets and partial season tickets also available.

For more information or a season brochure, or to reserve seats, contact the Miami Symphony Orchestra at (305) 275-5666 or visit on the web at <http://www.miamisymphony.org>.

## **ABOUT THE MSO**

The Miami Symphony Orchestra, founded in 1989 by Maestro Manuel Ochoa, 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 19<sup>th</sup> season and under the baton and music direction of Maestro Eduardo Marturet, the MSO is hailed as "a magnificent symphonic orchestra which captures the city's spirit". The MSO made its first appearance at the new Carnival Center for the Performing Arts in February 2007, a highly successful debut in this venue, and over the years has performed at Art Basel Miami Beach and on the stage of Carnegie Hall in New York City. For 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](http://www.miamisymphony.org), or call (305) 275-5666.

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