

FANFARE, FUN AND THE FINEST CLASSICAL MUSIC

MIAMI SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA AND MIAMI CHILDREN'S MUSEUM PRESENT
"SYMPHONY FUNTASTIQUE" FREE CONCERT SERIES FOR KIDS
AT MIAMI CHILDREN'S MUSEUM, MARCH 16, APRIL 20 AND MAY 3, 2008

MIAMI- Strike up the bassoons! Sound the French horns! Classical music is full of fanfare and fun. In fact, it's *FUNTASTIQUE*. In a series of free afternoon concerts, the Miami Symphony Orchestra and Miami Children's Museum will demonstrate to children --and their parents--that the "classical stuff isn't stuffy" with ***SYMPHONY FUNTASTIQUE***.

Beginning Sunday, March 16, Maestro Eduardo Marturet, music director and conductor for Miami's flagship orchestra, the Miami Symphony Orchestra, will direct members of the Miami Symphony Orchestra to Miami Children's Museum, located on Watson Island, for three afternoons of musical interaction with *SYMPHONY FUNTASTIQUE*. Other dates for performances are Sunday April 20 and Saturday, May 3, 2008. All concerts begin at 3:00 p.m. and are free with museum admission.

"The Miami Symphony Orchestra delights in introducing listeners of all ages to classical music. By presenting our free *SYMPHONY FUNTASTIQUE* concerts on-site at Miami Children's Museum, we'll be taking children on a classical music journey that's up-close and friendly; issuing a passport into the wonderful world of music that we hope will last a lifetime."

Now in its 19th season, the Miami Symphony Orchestra is continuously expanding outreach to young people through public school programs and by providing free concerts at venues throughout Dade County, including the inner city of Miami. The trio of upcoming Miami Symphony Orchestra concerts at Miami Children's Museum are provided through grants from the Children's Trust and the Florida Department of Cultural Affairs.

For more information about the Miami Symphony Orchestra, visit the website at www.miamisymphony.org, or call (305) 275-5666. For information about the Miami Children's Museum, call (305) 373- KIDS (5437), or log onto www.miamichildrensmuseum.org.

ABOUT MIAMI CHILDREN'S MUSEUM

Founded in 1983, the Miami Children's Museum is located on Watson Island and opened its new building to the public on September 7, 2003. Visitors of all ages are encouraged to play together, learn, imagine and create. The 56,500 square-foot facility includes 12 galleries, classrooms, parent/teacher resource center, Kid Smart educational gift shop, 200-seat auditorium and Subway restaurant. The museum offers hundreds of bilingual, interactive exhibits; programs and classes and learning materials related to arts, culture, community and communication.

ABOUT THE MSO

The Miami Symphony Orchestra, Eduardo Marturet Conductor and Music Director, 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 18th 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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