

MIAMI SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA ANNOUNCES STRATEGIC ALLIANCES PROGRAM

Cultural and educational partnerships with University of Miami, Frost School of Music, Allapattah Children & Youth Symphony, Cisneros Fontanal (Cifo) Art Foundation and El Sistema and outstanding artists and conductors launch new strategic alliances program

MIAMI, FL (October 20, 2008) - The Miami Symphony Orchestra, and Maestro Eduardo Marturet, Music Director and Conductor, are pleased to announce a new Strategic Alliances program that broadens the symphony's role as a cultural arts institution for all Miami-Dade and extends the symphony's reach into the community for musical education and learning.

The new Strategic Alliances program includes individual artists and conductors as well as institutions and organizations. On the institutional level, The Miami Symphony Orchestra will be aligning with the University of Miami-Frost School of Music to develop an Assistant Conductor Program that will facilitate the selection of a UM Teaching Assistant whose duties will include apprenticeship with the Miami Symphony Orchestra. The symphony has also formed an alliance with the Ford Motor Company Fund for "Ford Made in America", introducing new works by American artists.

Additionally, the Miami Symphony Orchestra is working with several organizations for academic tutelage, music education and cultural exchange programs. The newly formed Allapattah Children and Youth Symphony will be the first established youth orchestra program in South Florida directly linked to the widely acclaimed method of music instruction, *El Sistema*—The System. For three decades, *El Sistema* has produced remarkable results in Latin America and other parts of the world. Now, through the Miami Symphony Orchestra, the program will be available to children in Miami-Dade, "fostering the maestros of tomorrow" according to Maestro Eduardo Marturet

On an individual level, the Miami Symphony Orchestra's Strategic Alliances program partners with artists and conductors who are closely involved with the symphony and share the symphony's artistic vision. Conductors include world-famous young Venezuelan star Gustavo Dudamel; the award winning Giancarlo Guerrero and Alondra de la Parra, founder of the Philharmonic Orchestra of the Americas. Artists include violinists Alexis Cardenas, Zack Du Peu and Nicolas Kendall; clarinetist Alexander Fiterstein; harmonica artist Antonio Serrano; trumpet player Francisco Flores and double bassist, Eduison Ruiz. Chamber groups Boston Brass and Tf3 (Time for Three). Composers Alexander Berti, who is also the principle bass with the Miami Symphony Orchestra and Orlando Garcia, a member of the faculty at Florida International University are also founding members of the Strategic Alliances program

"The individuals and institutions who are part of our Strategic Alliances program have expressed their support of the Miami Symphony Orchestra as an established arts organization with enormous potential ahead, and set to grow at a very fast pace. As we launch our 20th performance season, we are preparing for the next decades of development and growth with a commitment to provide the very best to Miami audiences."

