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Photos of (I) Leonard Slatkin (wearing the SF Symphony baseball cap) and (r) Michael Tilson Thomas with Yuja Wang are available for download in the Photo Library

SAN FRANCISCO SYMPHONY AND DETROIT SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA PRESENT THE WORLD SERIES WAGER SPOILS IN LIVE WEBCAST SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 11 at 12:50 PM PT (3:50 PM ET)

San Francisco Symphony to be presented with hometown goodie basket by Leonard Slatkin, Detroit Symphony Orchestra Music Director, during DSO's Live from Orchestra Hall webcast

SAN FRANCISCO, November 9, 2012 — Following the San Francisco Giants' World Series sweep of the Detroit Tigers, their cities' orchestras had a bet to settle: the winning city's orchestra would get a shipment of authentic culinary delights from that region from the losers. The orchestras' fans, through Facebook and Twitter, chimed in about what they'd most love to savor (along with their victory): Pickles or chocolate? Wine and Dungeness crab?

This Sunday, November 11, at approximately 3:50 p.m. Eastern time (12:50 p.m. Pacific time), Detroit Symphony Orchestra Music Director Leonard Slatkin will officially present the San Francisco Symphony with the victors' prize, during the DSO's *Live from Orchestra Hall* webcast: a yummy basket from Zingerman's. The cornucopia will include SF Symphony fans' second-most longed-for trophy: a six-pack of Vernors Ginger Ale, first produced in 1866, plus Zzang!® bars, coffee cake, coffee (to stay awake during

those long months until pitchers and catchers report), and other treats from the iconic Ann Arbor deli. San Francisco Symphony Music Director Michael Tilson Thomas will make a special acceptance appearance by pre-recorded video from Hong Kong, where the Orchestra is performing on its six-city, 10-concert <u>Asian tour</u>. (Since MTT won the bet, he and the orchestra are exercising the option to sleep past the <u>4 a.m.</u> (local time) <u>ceremony</u>). Detroit Symphony Orchestra Assistant Conductor Teddy Abrams, who has worked with MTT at New World Symphony, will also participate in the ceremony.

The music directors had real skin in this game: Tilson Thomas had vowed to wear a DSO baseball cap in rehearsal for the Asian tour if the SF Giants lost. Slatkin had promised to wear an SF Symphony baseball cap to a Detroit Symphony Orchestra rehearsal. (The two men are longtime friends and colleagues). The sporting Slatkin wore his brand new SF Symphony ball cap to rehearsal on Wednesday (see photo above; at least it's almost Tiger blue).

The wager drew thousands of Facebook pageviews, comments and shares, Twitter mentions of the contest with the #classicalworldseries hashtag, and national media coverage.

The San Francisco Symphony's Facebook page: www.facebook.com/sfsymphony

The San Francisco Symphony's Twitter feed: www.twitter.com/sfsymphony

The Detroit Symphony Orchestra's Facebook page: www.facebook.com/detroitsymphony

The Detroit Symphony Orchestra's Twitter feed: www.twitter.com/detroitsymphony

Twitter hashtag for the wager: #classicalworldseries

About the San Francisco Symphony

Founded in 1911, the San Francisco Symphony (SFS) celebrated its Centennial Season in 2011-12 and is widely considered to be among the country's most artistically adventurous and innovative arts institutions. The Orchestra's distinguished history is marked by artistic excellence, innovative programming, broad educational initiatives, and acclaimed recordings and media projects. Now in their eighteenth season together. Music Director Michael Tilson Thomas and the SFS have formed a musical partnership hailed for its revitalization of the classical music experience. The SFS performs and presents more than 220 concerts annually for an audience of 600,000 in its home of Davies Symphony Hall and through an active national and international touring program. The Orchestra has been recognized internationally as a leader in the use of multimedia. television, technology, and the web to make classical music available to as many people as possible through its Keeping Score composer documentaries and concert films, educational websites and recordings. The first Orchestra to feature national symphonic radio broadcasts in 1926, the SFS remains in the forefront of electronic media with endeavors such as the Grammy Award-winning Mahler recording cycle for the Orchestra's own SFS Media label, the Peabody Award-winning American Mavericks and The MTT Files radio series, and the DVD releases of their Carnegie Hall season opening performances of music from Bernstein's West Side Story and the

Orchestra's 100th anniversary Centennial Season opening concert. The Orchestra's continued, century-long commitment to music education is reflected in acclaimed programs including *Keeping Score*, *Adventures in Music*, the San Francisco Symphony Youth Orchestra, *Music for Families*, and www.sfskids.org. For additional information, please visit www.sfsymphony.org.

About the Detroit Symphony Orchestra

The internationally acclaimed <u>Detroit Symphony Orchestra</u>, which will celebrate its 125th anniversary in December 2012, is known for trailblazing performances, visionary maestros, collaborations with the world's foremost musical artists, and an unwavering commitment to Detroit. Esteemed conductor Leonard Slatkin, called "America's Music Director" by the *Los Angeles Times*, became the 12th Music Director of the DSO during the 2008-09 season and acclaimed conductor, arranger, and trumpeter Jeff Tyzik was appointed Principal Pops Conductor in November 2012. The DSO's performance schedule includes classical, pops, jazz, Young People's, neighborhood concerts, and collaborations with chart-topping musicians from Smokey Robinson to Kid Rock. A commitment to broadcast innovation began in 1922 when the DSO became the first orchestra in the world to present a radio broadcast and continues today with the free *Live from Orchestra Hall* webcast series. Making its home at historic Orchestra Hall at the Max M. Fisher Music Center, one of America's most acoustically perfect concert halls, the DSO actively pursues a mission to impact and serve the community through music. For more information visit <u>dso.org</u> or download the free DSO to Go mobile app.