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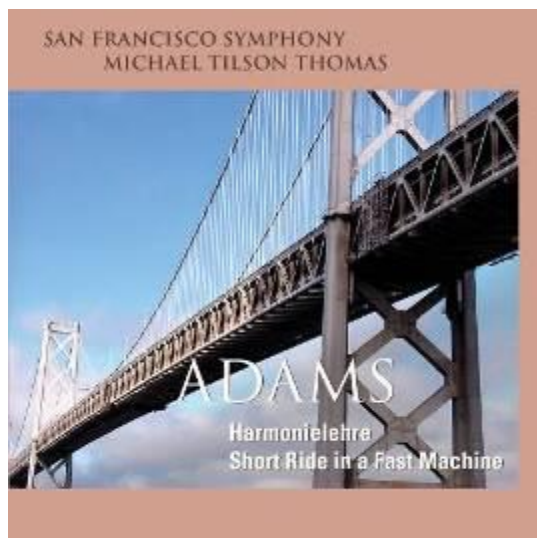
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**MICHAEL TILSON THOMAS AND THE SAN FRANCISCO SYMPHONY'S  
RECORDING OF JOHN ADAMS' *HARMONIELEHRE* AND *SHORT RIDE IN A FAST  
MACHINE* NOMINATED FOR 2013 GRAMMY AWARD**

**Recording on Orchestra's in-house label SFS Media nominated for  
Best Orchestral Performance**

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**SAN FRANCISCO, December 6, 2012** – Music Director Michael Tilson Thomas and the San Francisco Symphony's live concert recording of works by Bay Area composer and longtime collaborator John Adams was nominated for a 2013 Grammy® Award yesterday in the category of Best Orchestral Performance. The recording was released in March 2012 in conjunction with the Orchestra's month-long *American Mavericks* festival and tour. The SFS commissioned, premiered, and recorded *Harmonielehre* in March 1985 during Adams' tenure as SFS composer in residence. Hear Adams and MTT's insights about the work [at http://bit.ly/YTHarmonielehre](http://bit.ly/YTHarmonielehre). Michael Tilson Thomas commissioned *Short Ride in a Fast Machine* from John Adams in 1986. Adams and Tilson Thomas talk about the genesis of *Short Ride in a Fast Machine* in a short video [found at http://bit.ly/YTShortRide](http://bit.ly/YTShortRide). The recording is available as a hybrid SACD, playable in conventional CD players as well as in SACD stereo and SACD surround formats for audiophiles who want a greater range of premiere sound options, and as a studio master quality digital download. The 55<sup>th</sup> annual Grammy Awards will be held at the Staples Center in Los Angeles on Sunday, Feb. 10, 2013, and broadcast on CBS at 8 p.m. ET/PT.

MTT and the SFS' releases on SFS Media reflect the artistic identity of the orchestra's programming, including its commitment to performing the work of American maverick composers alongside that of the core classical masterworks. All SFS Media recordings are available from the Symphony Store in Davies Symphony Hall and online at [sfsymphony.org/store](http://sfsymphony.org/store) as well as other major retailers. The recordings can also be purchased as downloads from [iTunes](http://iTunes) and other digital outlets. SFS Media recordings are distributed by harmonia mundi in the U.S., SRI Canada, IODA digitally and Avie internationally.

For more information about this and other Grammy nominations visit [www.grammy.com](http://www.grammy.com).

**Title:** Adams: *Harmonielehre, Short Ride in a Fast Machine*

**Composer:** John Adams (1947-)

**Artists:** Michael Tilson Thomas, Conductor  
San Francisco Symphony

**Recorded:** *Harmonielehre* recorded live at Davies Symphony Hall December 8-11, 2010.  
*Short Ride in a Fast Machine* recorded at the San Francisco Symphony's Centennial Season Opening Gala on September 7, 2011.

**Label:** SFS Media

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