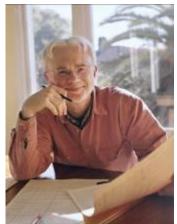
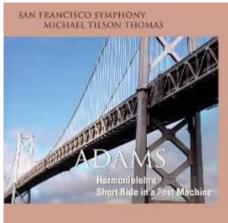


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MICHAEL TILSON THOMAS AND THE SAN FRANCISCO SYMPHONY WIN 2013 GRAMMY AWARD

Recording of music by Bay Area composer John Adams wins for Best Orchestral Performance

SAN FRANCISCO, **February 10** – Music Director Michael Tilson Thomas (MTT) and the San Francisco Symphony's (SFS) live concert recording of works by Bay Area composer and longtime collaborator John Adams has won a 2013 Grammy[®] Award today in the category of **Best Orchestral Performance**. The recording of *Harmonielehre* and *Short Ride in a Fast Machine* was released in March 2012 in conjunction with the Orchestra's month-long *American Mavericks* festival and tour. This award marks the 15th Grammy win for the San Francisco Symphony and the 8th award on its own SFS Media label. MTT and the Orchestra garnered seven Grammy awards for their recent recording cycle of works by Gustav Mahler.

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. Michael Tilson Thomas commissioned *Short Ride in a Fast Machine* from John Adams in 1986. A video excerpt of the Grammy winning performance from the Orchestra's Centennial Season Opening Gala in September 2011 can be viewed at http://bit.ly/13fiNce. 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.

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. 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. All SFS Media recordings are available from the Symphony Store in Davies Symphony Hall and online at stsymphony.org/store as well as other major retailers. The recordings can also be purchased as downloads from 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 awards visit 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.

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