SAN FRANCISCO SYMPHONY

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(Images of Music Director Michael Tilson Thomas and composer Samuel Carl Adams are available for download in the Photo Library)

MICHAEL TILSON THOMAS LEADS THE SAN FRANCISCO SYMPHONY IN MAHLER'S SYMPHONY NO. 5 SEPTEMBER 27 AT THE MONDAVI CENTER AT UC DAVIS AND SEPTEMBER 28-30 AT DAVIES SYMPHONY HALL

Concerts open with West Coast premiere of Samuel Carl Adams' *Drift and Providence,* co-commissioned by the San Francisco Symphony

SAN FRANCISCO, August 21— Music Director Michael Tilson Thomas (MTT) leads the San Francisco Symphony (SFS) in Mahler's Symphony No. 5 and the West Coast premiere of Samuel Carl Adams' *Drift and Providence* September 27 at the Robert and Margrit Mondavi Center for Performing Arts at UC Davis and September 28-30 at Davies Symphony Hall in San Francisco. Samuel Carl Adams will perform his work with the Orchestra.

Bay Area native Samuel Carl Adams (b. 1985) is a composer of acoustic and electroacoustic music and the son of frequent SFS collaborator composer John Adams. Based in Brooklyn, Adams draws on his experiences with jazz, noise, programming, and phonography. He is an active collaborator and performer in San Francisco and New York; his previous commissions include works for Oakland's Paul Dresher Ensemble Electroacoustic Band, ACJW, and MATA (Music at the Anthology). In spring 2012 Adams was a resident artist at the Baryshnikov Arts Center, and he regularly performs as a bassist with FOUNDRY, a post-classical ensemble based in New York.

Samuel Adams' *Drift and Providence* was co-commissioned by the San Francisco Symphony and the New World Symphony. MTT conducted its world premiere with the New World Symphony in April 2012. Written from the point of view of a West Coast native living elsewhere and as a composer exploring new ways to use tonality, Adams says, "*Drift and Providence* is looking at my home, the west, from within and from afar; *Drift and Providence* explores what it means to embark from and arrive at the acoustically familiar." The score for the work includes live electronic processing which will be performed by Adams and controlled by a CNTRL-Rm, Analog Experience Factory and MacBook Pro.

Michael Tilson Thomas and the San Francisco Symphony recorded Mahler's Symphony No. 5 as part of their Grammy-winning Mahler recording project for in-house label SFS Media and will perform it on tour in Asia in November 2012. Live concert footage of the work was included in SFS Media's PBS television series *Keeping Score: Mahler*, now available on DVD and Blu-ray. An excerpt of their performance of the *Adagietto* movement of Symphony No. 5 is available for viewing on the SF Symphony's YouTube Channel.

SAN FRANCISCO SYMPHONY
Davies Symphony Hall

Thurs., September 27 at 8 pm (Mondavi Center, UC Davis)
Fri., September 28 at 8 pm (Davies Symphony Hall)
Sat., September 29 at 8 pm (Davies Symphony Hall)
Sun., September 30 at 2 pm (Davies Symphony Hall)

Michael Tilson Thomas *conductor*
Samuel Carl Adams*, electronica*
San Francisco Symphony

Samuel Carl Adams *Drift and Providence* (SFS co-commission with New World Symphony; West Coast Premiere)
Mahler Symphony No. 5 in C-sharp minor

PRE-CONCERT TALK: Peter Grunberg and Samuel Carl Adams will give an "Inside Music" talk from the stage one hour prior to each concert. Free to all concert ticket holders; doors open 15 minutes before.

AUDIO PROGRAM NOTES: A free audio podcast about Mahler's Symphony No. 5 will be downloadable from sfsymphony.org/podcasts and from the iTunes store.

BROADCAST: These concerts will be broadcast on Classical 89.9/90.3/104.9 KDFC and kdfc.com at a later date to be announced.

TICKETS: September 28-30 $15-$150. Tickets are available at sfsymphony.org, by phone at 415-864-6000, and at the Davies Symphony Hall Box Office, on Grove Street between Van Ness Avenue and Franklin Street in San Francisco.

Tickets for the September 27 concert at Robert and Margrit Mondavi Center for the Performing Arts are $25-99 and available at mondaviarts.org, and by calling 866 -754-2787.

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