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**SIR SIMON RATTLE LEADS THE BERLIN PHILHARMONIC IN TWO
DAVIES SYMPHONY HALL CONCERTS NOVEMBER 20 AND 21**

Orchestra makes only its third visit in 50 years under the auspices of the San Francisco Symphony

WHAT: Conductor [Sir Simon Rattle](#) leads the [Berlin Philharmonic](#) at Davies Symphony Hall in just its third visit to San Francisco in 50 years. The program includes Brahms' Symphonies Nos. 1 and 2. Rattle and the Berlin Philharmonic released [their new recording of Brahms' complete symphonies](#) on October 6 on EMI. The November 20 program also includes Brahms' Piano Quartet No. 1, orchestrated by Schoenberg; on November 21, the orchestra also performs Wagner's Prelude to Act 1 of *Die Meistersinger* and Schoenberg's Chamber Symphony No. 1.

WHO: Sir Simon Rattle, conductor
Berlin Philharmonic

WHEN: Friday, November 20 and Saturday, November 21 at 8:00 p.m.

WHERE: Davies Symphony Hall, 201 Van Ness Ave, San Francisco

PROGRAM: 11/20:
Brahms (orch. Schoenberg) / Piano Quartet No. 1 in G minor, Opus 25
Brahms / Symphony No. 1 in C minor, Opus 68

11/21:
Wagner / Prelude to Act 1 of *Die Meistersinger von Nürnberg*
Schoenberg / Chamber Symphony No. 1, Opus 9b
Brahms / Symphony No. 2 in D major, Opus 73

TICKETS: \$15-275; available through the SFS Box Office at (415) 864-6000, or at sfsymphony.org.

[Stream the Berlin Philharmonic's Brahms Symphonies](#) and read Sir Simon Rattle's insights on the music, from NPR's website.

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