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**MICHAEL TILSON THOMAS AND THE SAN FRANCISCO SYMPHONY
TO PERFORM FREE NOONTIME CONCERT SEPTEMBER 11
AT JUSTIN HERMAN PLAZA IN SAN FRANCISCO**

Solar and biodiesel will power concert sound and lights

SAN FRANCISCO, August 18, 2009 – Michael Tilson Thomas and the San Francisco Symphony (SFS) will perform their annual free outdoor noontime concert on Friday, September 11 at Justin Herman Plaza at the Embarcadero Center in San Francisco. The program includes a diverse trio of waltzes, Liszt's *Mephisto* Waltz No. 1, Rodgers' *Carousel* Waltz and Ravel's *La Valse*. Downtown workers, shoppers, and music lovers are all invited to bring a lunch and enjoy music at the waterfront plaza. The SFS's annual downtown free concert is sponsored by PG&E Corporation and is an autumn tradition, part of the Orchestra's many activities aimed at making music accessible to everyone in the community and kicking off the Orchestra's 2009-10 concert season.

"PG&E is honored to continue its support of the San Francisco Symphony through this unique collaboration. By providing the Symphony with the means to power the concert in part using renewable energy, PG&E is continuing its commitment to a sustainable environment and future," said Peter A. Darbee, Chairman, CEO and President of PG&E Corporation. "This partnership is a valuable opportunity for both the Symphony and PG&E to advance our common commitment to our community and environmental stewardship."

For further press information, please contact the SFS Communications Department at (415) 503-5474.

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FREE SAN FRANCISCO SYMPHONY OUTDOOR CONCERT

Friday, September 11 at 12:00 noon Justin Herman Plaza, at Embarcadero Center
Steuart Street between Market and Mission Streets (across from the Ferry Building) San Francisco
Michael Tilson Thomas, conductor
San Francisco Symphony

PROGRAM:

Liszt / *Mephisto* Waltz No. 1
Rodgers / *Carousel* Waltz
Ravel / *La Valse*

TICKETS: This concert is free, no tickets are required.

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