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SAN FRANCISCO SYMPHONY OFFERS *KEEPING SCORE* CONCERT AUDIO RECORDINGS TO COMPLEMENT ITS *KEEPING SCORE* DOCUMENTARY SERIES

Six titles available for download and at the San Francisco Symphony stores in October and in retail stores everywhere next year

San Francisco, CA, October 15, 2009 - The San Francisco Symphony announced today that it will release concert recordings as companions to its nationally broadcast PBS television series *Keeping Score* through its own in-house label SFS Media. The six audio releases to come out this fall are the Orchestra's performances of Berlioz's *Symphonie fantastique*, Ives's *Holidays Symphony* paired with Copland's *Appalachian Spring*, Shostakovich's Fifth Symphony, Stravinsky's *Firebird* and selections from *The Rite of Spring*, Beethoven's *Eroica* and Tchaikovsky's Symphony No. 4.

These performances are also included on the DVD releases of its *Keeping Score* documentaries. The companion concert recordings are now available for download purchase from the [iTunes store](#) and [ClassicalArchives.com](#) and will be available on CD from the San Francisco Symphony store in Davies Symphony Hall and online at [shopsfsymphony.org](#) by October 29. Titles will be regularly priced at \$9.99 for CD and \$7.99 for download.

The second season of the *Keeping Score* television series begins airing on PBS tonight, Thursday, October 15, at 10 p.m. with a program that explores the music and stories behind Hector Berlioz's symphonic love letter *Symphonie fantastique*. On Thursday, October 22 at 10 p.m. the next episode airs portraying Charles Ives's sonic portrait of New England in his *Holidays* Symphony. On Thursday, October 29, also at 10 p.m., the final episode examines Dmitri Shostakovich's Symphony No. 5, a work that may have saved his life. Following each broadcast the programs will be available for streaming from PBS.org; for download purchase from iTunes, Xbox and other online video retailers, and on DVD from [shopsfsymphony.org](#) and at the Symphony Store in Davies Symphony Hall. The complete *Keeping Score* Season 2 (Berlioz, Ives and Shostakovich) will be available on Blu-Ray later in the year.

[Keeping Score](#) is the San Francisco Symphony's national project to make classical music more accessible and meaningful to people of all ages and musical backgrounds, and a key component of its almost century-long commitment to music education.

Berlioz *Symphonie fantastique* (SFS 0033)

This companion concert recording for *Keeping Score: Berlioz's Symphonie fantastique*, as seen on PBS, was recorded live in Davies Symphony Hall in December 2007. Video of this performance will be included on the DVD with the documentary *Keeping Score: Berlioz's Symphonie fantastique*.

Ives *Holidays* Symphony and Copland *Appalachian Spring* (SFS 0034)

This companion concert recording for *Keeping Score* includes Charles Ives's *Holidays* Symphony performed by the San Francisco Symphony, which was featured on PBS in *Keeping Score: Ives Holidays Symphony*. The recording of Copland's *Appalachian Spring*, performed here in the original 13-instrument chamber arrangement, was featured on the *Keeping Score* episode and DVD *Copland and the American Sound*.

Shostakovich Symphony No. 5 (SFS 0035)

This companion concert recording for *Keeping Score: Shostakovich Symphony No. 5*, as seen on PBS, was recorded live in Davies Symphony Hall in November 2007. Video of this performance is included on the DVD with the documentary *Keeping Score: Shostakovich's Symphony No. 5*.

Beethoven Symphony No. 3 *Eroica* (SFS 0031)

This companion concert recording for *Keeping Score: Beethoven's Eroica*, as seen on PBS, was recorded live in Davies Symphony Hall in May 2004. Video of this performance is included on the DVD with the documentary *Keeping Score: Beethoven's Eroica*.

Stravinsky *The Rite of Spring* and selections from *The Firebird Suite* (SFS 0032)

This companion concert recording for *Keeping Score: Stravinsky's Rite of Spring*, as seen on PBS, was recorded live in Davies Symphony Hall in September 2004. It includes the complete *The Rite of Spring* plus three movements from *The Firebird Suite* (1919 version). Video of these performances are included on the DVD with the documentary *Keeping Score: Stravinsky's Rite of Spring*.

Tchaikovsky Symphony No. 4 (SFS 0030)

This companion concert recording for *Keeping Score: MTT on Music*, as seen on PBS, was recorded live in Davies Symphony Hall in May 2002. Video of this performance is included on the DVD with the documentary *Keeping Score: MTT on Music – Tchaikovsky's 4th Symphony*.

Purchase *Keeping Score* CDs and videos:

Purchase CDs of the Companion Concerts: All 6 *Keeping Score* Companion Concert CD titles will be available at shopsfsymphony.org and the San Francisco Symphony Store in the Davies Symphony Hall lobby on October 29. Retail Stores everywhere else will carry them in 2010.

Purchase Digital Audio Downloads of the Companion Concerts: All 6 *Keeping Score* Companion Concert titles are now available from iTunes and ClassicalArchives.com

Purchase Digital Video Downloads of the Documentaries: From the iTunes store, Xbox and other online video retailers the Berlioz, Beethoven, Stravinsky, and Copland *Keeping Score* documentaries will be available on October 16; Ives, October 23; and Shostakovich, October 30.

Purchase DVDs of the Documentaries and Concerts: Purchase *Keeping Score* Season 2 documentaries and companion concerts on DVD from shopsfsymphony.org and at the Symphony Store in Davies Symphony Hall after each Broadcast. Berlioz available on October 16, Ives on October 23 and Shostakovich, October 30.

Purchase Blu-Ray Video of the Documentaries and Concerts: *Keeping Score* Season 2 (Berlioz, Ives & Shostakovich) documentaries and companion concerts will be available on Blu-Ray will be available by 2010.

Stream videos online:

Digital Video Streaming of Documentaries: PBS.org will offer online streaming of the Berlioz, Beethoven, Copland and Stravinsky *Keeping Score* documentary episodes on October 16, Ives on October 23, and Shostakovich beginning October 30.

Distribution of CDs and DVDs:

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