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**MICHAEL TILSON THOMAS LEADS THE GRAMMY-AWARD WINNING
SAN FRANCISCO SYMPHONY IN PERFORMANCES OF
MAHLER'S SYMPHONY NO. 2, *RESURRECTION*,
MARCH 11–14 IN DAVIES SYMPHONY HALL**

WHAT: Following their triple Grammy Award win for the recording of Mahler's Symphony No. 8 and *Adagio* from Symphony No. 10, Music Director Michael Tilson Thomas (MTT), the San Francisco Symphony (SFS), and the SF Symphony Chorus will perform Mahler's Symphony No. 2, *Resurrection*, March 11-14 in Davies Symphony Hall. Soloists soprano Laura Claycomb and mezzo-soprano Katarina Karnéus will join the Orchestra for these performances of Mahler's Symphony No. 2 in San Francisco as well as on the Orchestra's national tour in Ann Arbor, Philadelphia and at Carnegie Hall in New York.

Mahler's Symphony No. 2 was recorded as part of the SFS's Grammy-winning Mahler recording cycle on its own label, SFS Media. The Symphony's first recording of Mahler 2 was nominated for a Grammy Award in 1994 with conductor Herbert Blomstedt and won Best Symphonic Recording in Germany (Preis der Deutschen Schallplattenkritik).

The SFS Mahler recording project began in 2001 and has been recognized with seven Grammy Awards, most recently capturing Best Classical Album, Best Choral Performance, and Best Engineered Classical Album for Symphony No. 8 and the *Adagio* from Symphony No. 10. The final CD of the cycle will feature a collection of Mahler's works for voice and orchestra including *Rückert Lieder*, Songs of a Wayfarer (*Lieder eines fahrenden Gesellen*) and selections from *Des Knaben Wunderhorn*, with Susan Graham and Thomas Hampson.

The Friday, March 12 concert has an early start time of 6:30 p.m.

WHO: Michael Tilson Thomas, conductor ([click here for bio](#))
Laura Claycomb, soprano ([click here for bio](#))
Katarina Karnéus, mezzo-soprano ([click here for bio](#))
San Francisco Symphony
San Francisco Symphony Chorus, Ragnar Bohlin, director ([click here for bio](#))

PROGRAM: Mahler / Symphony No. 2, *Resurrection*

WHEN: Thursday, March 11 at 8:00 p.m.
Friday, March 12 at 6:30 p.m.
Saturday, March 13 at 8:00 p.m.
Sunday, March 14 at 2:00 p.m.

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

PRE-CONCERT TALK: James Keller gives "Inside Music" talks one hour prior to each concert. Free to all concert ticket holders; doors open 15 minutes before.

TICKETS: \$35-145; available through the SFS Box Office at (415) 864-6000, at sfsymphony.org, or at the box office on Grove Street between Van Ness Avenue and Franklin Street.

BROADCAST: Portions of these concerts will be broadcast on CLASSICAL 102.1 KDFC at 8:00 p.m. on Tuesday, March 23.

Support for Laura Claycomb's appearance is provided by the Mrs. George J. Otto Memorial Vocalist Fund.

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