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**SAN FRANCISCO SYMPHONY PLANS TO RELEASE LIMITED EDITION VINYL
BOX SET OF COMPLETE MAHLER PROJECT**

Orders now being taken for 22 LP collection on 180G virgin vinyl

**Includes exclusive new bonus 45 rpm of the Rückert-Lieder performed by Susan Graham
with Michael Tilson Thomas on piano**

Michael Tilson Thomas (MTT) and the San Francisco Symphony(SFS) plan to release a limited edition 22 LP set of their seven-time Grammy® award-winning Mahler Recording Project on SFS Media. The records will be manufactured on 180G virgin vinyl and have an estimated delivery date of April 2011.

The box set includes an exclusive bonus 45 rpm recording of Susan Graham and MTT performing the piano version of the Rückert-Lieder from a private session on stage at Davies Symphony Hall not available separately. Excerpts of footage from this session will also be included in Season 3 of the SFS's national PBS television series, *Keeping Score*, dedicated to the music of Mahler and airing in spring 2011.

The Mahler cycle will be sold on vinyl in this 1,000 copy limited edition set provided a sufficient number of pre-orders are secured by the end of the year. The complete Mahler Project vinyl box set retails for \$749 including shipping and orders are now being taken at the San Francisco Symphony's eStore at sfsymphony.org/mahlervinyl. A pre-order with a \$75 deposit secures a copy. SFS Media will also release a standard CD box set of the complete Mahler Recording Project in 2011.

Retailers interested in carrying the vinyl box set should contact distributors Harmonia Mundi in North America (excluding Canada), SRI Canada in Canada, or Avie internationally.

FEATURES

- Numbered, limited to 1000 sets
- First 250 sets signed by Music Director, Michael Tilson Thomas
- 22 180g audiophile virgin vinyl LPs providing the best possible sound quality
- Each LP is housed in luxuriously designed, separate jackets
- Over 18 hours of music performed by MTT and the SFS, comprised of:
 - The Complete Mahler Symphonies, Nos. 1-9
 - Adagio from Symphony No. 10
 - *Kindertotenlieder*, *Das klagende Lied*, *Das Lied von der Erde*, *Lieder eines fahrenden Gesellen*, the Rückert-Lieder, and selections from *Des Knaben Wunderhorn*
- Bonus 45 rpm recording of an intimate, previously unreleased performance of the piano version of the Rückert-Lieder performed by Susan Graham with Michael Tilson Thomas on piano. Not available separately
- Hardbound book featuring extensive liner notes, bios, and texts in three languages, plus archival photographs of Mahler
- Special outer shipping box for extra protection
- LP mastering by Kevin Gray at Acous Tech Mastering

DETAILS OF THE PRE-ORDER

- Anticipated release date is April 2011.
- Pre-orders must be made by December 31, 2010.
- In the event that pre-orders fail to reach 600 by December 31st, the initial \$75 charge will be refunded in full.
- Upon purchase, a \$75 pre-order deposit will immediately be charged to your credit card.
- Once total pre-orders reach 600, a notification will be sent and credit cards will be charged the remaining \$674.
- California residents will pay 9.5% sales tax on the complete order when the second payment is processed.
- Free shipping

THE RECORDINGS

The Mahler Project vinyl box set includes the following recordings:

- Mahler: Symphony No. 1
- Mahler: Symphony No. 2 with soprano Isabel Bayrakdarian, mezzo-soprano Lorraine Hunt Lieberson and the San Francisco Symphony Chorus,
- Mahler: Symphony No. 3 and *Kindertotenlieder* 2003 Grammy Award Winner for Best Classical Album featuring mezzo-soprano Michelle DeYoung, Women of the San Francisco Symphony Chorus, Pacific Boychoir, and San Francisco Girls Chorus, Vance George, Chorus Director
- Mahler: Symphony No. 4 with soprano Laura Claycomb
- Mahler: Symphony No. 5
- Mahler: Symphony No. 6 2002 Grammy Award Winner for Best Orchestral Performance
- Mahler: Symphony No. 7 2006 Grammy Award Winner for Best Classical Album and Best Orchestral Performance
- Mahler: Symphony No. 8 and the Adagio from Symphony No. 10 2009 Grammy Award Winner for Best Classical Album, Best Choral Performance, and Best Engineered Classical Album with sopranos Erin Wall, Elza van den Heever, and Laura Claycomb; mezzo-sopranos Katarina Karnéus and Yvonne Naef; tenor Anthony Dean Griffey; baritone Quinn Kelsey; and bass-baritone James Morris, the San Francisco Symphony Chorus under the direction of Ragnar Bohlin; and the San Francisco Girls Chorus and Pacific Boychoir
- Mahler: Symphony No. 9

- Mahler: *Das klagende Lied* with Marina Shaguch, soprano Michelle DeYoung, mezzo soprano Thomas Moser, tenor Sergei Leiferkus, baritone, San Francisco Symphony Chorus, Vance George, Chorus Director
- Mahler: *Das Lied von der Erde* with baritone Thomas Hampson and tenor Stuart Skelton
- Mahler: Songs With Orchestra
 - *Lieder eines fahrenden Gesellen* with baritone Thomas Hampson
 - The Rückert-Lieder with mezzo-soprano Susan Graham
 - Selections from *Des Knaben Wunderhorn* with baritone Thomas Hampson
- Bonus 45rpm of the piano version of Rückert-Lieder performed by mezzo-soprano Susan Graham and Michael Tilson Thomas on piano.

CONSUMER INQUIRIES

Questions about the Mahler Project vinyl collection may be directed to customerservice@sfsymphony.org or by calling 1-877-574-7267.



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