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**THE GAME IS ON! DETROIT SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA AND
SAN FRANCISCO SYMPHONY WAGER HOMETOWN GOODIES**

(DETROIT, Oct. 24, 2012) — Pickles or chocolate? Brats and beer, or wine and Dungeness crab? If you were kicking back after your baseball team kicked it in the World Series, what would be in your goodie basket? Inspired by their teams' World Series match-up, the Detroit Symphony Orchestra (DSO) and the San Francisco Symphony (SFS) have agreed to a wager: The winning city's orchestra gets a shipment of iconic culinary delights from the losers. Fans, play along: both orchestras are asking people to offer their suggestions, through the orchestras' Facebook pages and Twitter feeds, of what that dream care package should include.

The music directors also have skin in this game: If the Detroit Tigers win, SFS Music Director Michael Tilson Thomas will wear a DSO baseball cap to a San Francisco Symphony rehearsal. If the San Francisco Giants win, DSO Music Director Leonard Slatkin will wear an SF Symphony baseball cap to a Detroit Symphony Orchestra rehearsal. (The two men are longtime friends and colleagues).

The San Francisco Symphony's Facebook page: www.facebook.com/sfsymphony

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Twitter hashtag for the wager: #classicalworldseries

Go Get 'Em Tigers! Go Giants!

About the DSO:

The internationally acclaimed Detroit Symphony Orchestra, the fourth-oldest symphony orchestra in the United States, is known for trailblazing performances, visionary maestros, collaborations with the world's foremost musical artists, and an unwavering commitment to Detroit. Esteemed conductor Leonard Slatkin, called "America's Music Director" by the Los Angeles Times, became the 12th Music Director of the DSO during the 2008-09 season. The DSO offers a performance schedule that includes Classical, Pops, Jazz, Young People's, Neighborhood concerts and festivals. The DSO makes its home in historic Orchestra Hall, one of America's most acoustically perfect concert halls, and actively pursues a mission to impact and serve the community through music. For more information visit www.dso.org

About the SFS:

Founded in 1911, the San Francisco Symphony (SFS) celebrated its Centennial Season in 2011-12 and is widely considered to be among the country's most artistically adventurous and innovative arts institutions. The Orchestra's distinguished history is marked by artistic excellence, innovative programming, broad educational initiatives, and acclaimed recordings and media projects. Now in their eighteenth season together, Music Director Michael Tilson Thomas and the SFS have formed a musical partnership hailed for its revitalization of the classical music experience. The SFS performs and presents more than 220 concerts annually for an audience of 600,000 in its home of Davies Symphony Hall and through an active national and international touring program. The Orchestra has been recognized internationally as a leader in the use of multimedia, television, technology, and the web to make classical music available to as many people as possible through its *Keeping Score* composer documentaries and concert films, educational websites and recordings. The first Orchestra to feature national symphonic radio broadcasts in 1926, the SFS remains in the forefront of electronic media with endeavors such as the Grammy Award-winning Mahler recording cycle for the Orchestra's own SFS Media label, the Peabody Award-winning *American Mavericks* and *The MTT Files* radio series, and the DVD releases of their Carnegie Hall season opening performances of music from Bernstein's *West Side Story* and the Orchestra's 100th anniversary Centennial Season opening concert. The Orchestra's continued, century-long commitment to music education is reflected in acclaimed programs including *Keeping Score*, *Adventures in Music*, the San Francisco Symphony Youth Orchestra, *Music for Families*, and www.sfskids.org. For additional information, please visit www.sfsymphony.org.

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