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**THE SAN FRANCISCO SYMPHONY AND NEW YORK PHILHARMONIC JOIN FORCES FOR A VIRTUAL PERFORMANCE TO COMMEMORATE THE 75TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE SIGNING OF THE UNITED NATIONS CHARTER, JUNE 26, 2020**

**SAN FRANCISCO, CA**—On Friday, June 26, members of the San Francisco Symphony and New York Philharmonic give a joint virtual performance at the General Assembly of the United Nations' online Charter Commemoration event celebrating the official 75th anniversary of the signing of the UN Charter. The musical performance pays tribute to the host country and two cities that are central to the Charter's history—San Francisco, where the charter was originally signed on June 26, 1945 in the auditorium of the War Memorial Veterans Building; and New York, where the United Nations is now based. This commemorative event will reflect on the meaning of the Charter—what it signified 75 years ago, what it stands for today, and its relevance for decades to come, featuring voices of UN Principals, Member States, as well as relevant stakeholders such as youth, civil society, and the private sector.

**The Charter Commemoration event takes place 6–9 am PDT (9 am–12 pm EDT).** The event will be structured in three parts, beginning with a brief introductory video on the history of the UN:

1. **Solemn Charter Commemoration.** Statements will be given by the Heads of the Main Organs of the UN and the Chairs of the five Regional Groups and the host country about the significance of the Charter.
2. **Interactive live dialogues about the Charter's relevance today and in the future.** Two successive panel discussions on the significance of the Charter will engage eminent thinkers in forward-looking discussions around multilateralism, the 2030 Agenda, and how the UN can deliver on its commitments to the Charter, while addressing global challenges.
3. **Commemorative Closing Ceremony featuring members of the San Francisco Symphony and New York Philharmonic.**

More information about the event, including Member States' statements prior to the event, can be found here:

<https://www.un.org/pga/74/un-charter-day/>

The commemoration will be live-streamed globally through the following links:

UN Web TV website: <http://webtv.un.org> (available in 6 languages)

UN Channel on YouTube: <https://youtu.be/gTMAaSNvRm0> (available in English)

Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/UNWebTV/posts/3417559538256239> (available in English)

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Twitter: <https://twitter.com/UNWebTV/status/1274023914608504833> (available in English)

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