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The Philadelphia Orchestra Salutes Philadelphia's Police Officers with a **FREE Fallen Heroes Tribute Concert**, September 20, 2009, at The Mann Center for the Performing Arts

Part of national United We Serve campaign, concert will raise funds for the Fraternal Order of Police's Survivors' Fund, and is presented in partnership with the City of Philadelphia, the Philadelphia Police Department, the Fraternal Order of Police, and the Mann Center for the Performing Arts

(Philadelphia, August 25, 2009)—The Philadelphia Orchestra salutes Philadelphia's men and women in blue with a **Fallen Heroes Tribute Concert**, honoring police officers who have lost their lives in the line of duty. The concert takes place **Sunday, September 20, 2009 at 6:00 PM** at **The Mann Center for the Performing Arts**. Philadelphia Orchestra Associate Conductor Rossen Milanov conducts the concert, which will include inspirational and patriotic works by Aaron Copland, Leonard Bernstein, Edward Elgar, John Williams, Samuel Ward, Irving Berlin, and John Philip Sousa. The concert is free, with a suggested donation of \$20.00. A general admission ticket voucher, good for up to four people, is required for entry to the concert. For vouchers and further information please visit www.philorch.org/fallenheroestribute.

Proceeds from sponsorships and donations from the Fallen Heroes Tribute Concert will benefit the **Fraternal Order of Police (FOP) Survivors' Fund**. The event is chaired by Philadelphia Orchestra Association

Acting Chairman Joseph H. Jacovini. Honorary chairpersons are Governor Edward G. Rendell, Mayor Michael A. Nutter, Police Commissioner Charles H. Ramsey, and Fraternal Order of Police President John McNesby.

“The Philadelphia Orchestra is not just a world class institution; it is a citizen of Philadelphia. As such, it feels the pain of the families of the men and women who have made the ultimate sacrifice in protecting our community. The Fallen Heroes Tribute Concert is an opportunity for the Orchestra’s musicians, staff, and Board members to show their support and commitment to those brave men and women, and their families,” said Joseph H. Jacovini, Acting Chairman, The Philadelphia Orchestra.

“This is an important partnership between the City and our arts and culture institutions,” stated Police Commissioner Charles H. Ramsey. “I am deeply thankful for their contributions. Their efforts will go a long way toward helping the families of our brave heroes in blue who gave everything to this great Police Department.”

“We are grateful to Joe Jacovini and The Philadelphia Orchestra for thinking of our FOP Survivor’s Fund,” said President of the Fraternal Order of Police John McNesby. “It’s been a difficult three years for the families of these officers and for the entire police force. However, more and more we find that when bad things happen, good people step up to assist. We thank them for that.”

Part of the national **United We Serve** initiative, this concert is presented in partnership with the **City of Philadelphia**, the **Philadelphia Police Department**, the **Fraternal Order of Police**, and **The Mann Center for the Performing Arts**. United We Serve is a national campaign which strives to strengthen American communities by mobilizing volunteer service throughout this summer, and beyond. The campaign includes six areas of focus; the Fallen Heroes Tribute Concert is being announced during the week focusing on Safety and Security.

Patron Sponsors of the concert are **Dilworth Paxson LLP**, the **Philadelphia Inquirer** and **Daily News**, **SEPTA**, **6ABC**, and the **Raynier Foundation**. Benefactor Sponsors are **CIGNA**, **Crown Cork & Seal**, and the **Police & Firemen’s Federal Credit Union**. Additional support is provided by **ABC Imaging**, **Clear Sound**, **The Creative Group Inc.**, **Hahnemann University Hospital**, and the **University of Pennsylvania**.

The Philadelphia Orchestra

Founded in 1900, The Philadelphia Orchestra has distinguished itself as one of the leading orchestras in the world through a century of acclaimed performances, historic international tours, best-selling recordings, and its unprecedented record of innovation in recording technologies and outreach. The Orchestra has maintained unity in artistic leadership with only seven music directors throughout its history: Fritz Scheel (1900-07), Carl Pohlig (1907-12), Leopold Stokowski (1912-41), Eugene Ormandy (1936-80), Riccardo

Muti (1980-92), Wolfgang Sawallisch (1993-2003), and Christoph Eschenbach (2003-08).

This rich tradition is carried on by Chief Conductor Charles Dutoit. Mr. Dutoit has a long-standing relationship with the Orchestra, having made his debut with the ensemble in 1980. Highlights of his second season include performances of Berlioz's *Te Deum* and *Symphonie fantastique*, part of Mr. Dutoit's four-year focus on the works of that composer, and a celebration of the 100th anniversary of Samuel Barber's birthday. During his tenure, Mr. Dutoit will also showcase the music of the Ballets Russes, continuing in the 2009-10 season with performances of Stravinsky's *Petrushka* and *The Rite of Spring*.

Recent Philadelphia Orchestra highlights include the opening of the Orchestra's Online Music Store, www.thephiladelphiaorchestra.com; regular broadcasts on NPR; a series of critically acclaimed recordings on the Ondine label; and a \$125 million endowment campaign.

The Philadelphia Orchestra annually touches the lives of more than one million music lovers worldwide through its performances, publications, recordings, and broadcasts. Each year the Orchestra presents a subscription season in Philadelphia, education and community partnership programs, annual appearances at Carnegie Hall and the Kennedy Center, and a three-week tour. Its summer schedule includes performances at Philadelphia's Mann Center for the Performing Arts, free Neighborhood Concerts, and residencies at the Bravo! Vail Valley Music Festival and the Saratoga Performing Arts Center.

For more information on The Philadelphia Orchestra, please visit www.philorch.org.

FALLEN HEROES TRIBUTE CONCERT

September 20 at 6:00 PM – Sunday evening – The Mann Center for the Performing Arts

The Philadelphia Orchestra

Rossen Milanov Conductor

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| Smith | "The Star-Spangled Banner" |
| Copland | <i>Fanfare for the Common Man</i> |
| Bernstein | Overture to <i>Candide</i> |
| Elgar | <i>Pomp and Circumstance</i> , Military March in D major, Op. 39, No. 1 |
| Copland | <i>Lincoln Portrait</i> |
| Elgar | IX. Nimrod from <i>Variations on an Original Theme</i> , Op. 36 ("Enigma") |
| Various/arr. Tyzik | "Rocky's" Theme from <i>The Big Movie Suite</i> |
| Williams | "Superman March," from <i>Superman</i> |
| Ward | "America, the Beautiful" |
| Berlin | "God Bless America" |
| Sousa | "The Stars and Stripes Forever" March |

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