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Photo Opportunity

Chief Conductor Charles Dutoit and The Philadelphia Orchestra kick off 2009-10 season with Opening Gala Concert on September 26

Emmy Award-winning actor Alec Baldwin joins the Fabulous Philadelphians as narrator in Copland's iconic *Lincoln Portrait*

WHAT: Chief Conductor **Charles Dutoit** and **The Philadelphia Orchestra** kick off the 2009-10 season with an Opening Gala Concert featuring Emmy Award-winning actor **Alec Baldwin** as narrator in Copland's *Lincoln Portrait*. The patriotic work, which was written during the early years of World War II, features excerpts from Lincoln's own words for the narration. Berlioz's popular *Roman Carnival Overture*, part of Mr. Dutoit's multi-year focus on the composer's works, and Saint-Saëns's *Symphony No. 3* ("Organ") complete the program.

WHEN: **Saturday, September 26, 2009, at 7:00 PM**

WHO: **The Philadelphia Orchestra**
Charles Dutoit Conductor
Alec Baldwin Narrator

WHERE: **Verizon Hall at The Kimmel Center for the Performing Arts** (Broad and Spruce Streets)

Media check-in table will be located in Commonwealth Plaza near the Spruce Street doors.

Please contact **Kate Johnston at 215.893.3136** for all media arrangements.

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