Dudamel Conducts Messiaen’s Turangalîla

Turangalîla-Symphonie is a massive 10-movement work by composer Olivier Messiaen (1908-1992), written between 1946 and 1948. It was commissioned by Serge Koussevitzky for the Boston Symphony Orchestra, and was the composer’s first major international work. This was the largest of three works the composer wrote while he was immersed in the Tristan and Isolde legend. The piece is scored for symphony orchestra with an unusually large percussion section, and features the ondes martenot, an early electronic keyboard instrument, pictured here. A few other composers wrote for this instrument, but its popularity waned, and production of the instrument stopped in 1988. Recently, the ondes martenot has experienced a second life, as Johnny Greenwood of Radiohead began playing it extensively, along with its electronic cousin, the Theremin.

The Philharmonia Orchestra has an excellent listening guide for Turangalîla-Symphonie on their Messiaen website.

Learn More!

Check out Grove Music Online for more information about the ondes martenot and a handy timeline of contemporary music.

Listen to the opening night of Dudamel’s second season with the L.A. Philharmonic here.
Dudamel Conducts Mahler’s Ninth Symphony

From the L.A. Phil website:

Harboring the suspicion that there was a curse on composers who wrote a ninth symphony (Beethoven and Schubert were two that had died before their tenths were completed), Mahler attempted to sidestep the threat by not calling his ninth symphonic work a symphony at all. (This was his orchestral song cycle The Song of the Earth.) Only then did he feel safe to compose a ninth symphony, because it was “really” his tenth. Nonetheless, the curse struck again: Mahler died before he could finish No. 10.

Gustav Mahler Blog

This is the blog created by the publisher Universal Edition for the Mahler anniversary years 2010-2011. Visit the site to view videos of classical superstars like Gustavo Dudamel, Pierre Boulez, and Daniel Barenboim discuss their relationships with the composer. In addition, there is information about Mahler performances around the world, recordings of his music, and links to websites on all things Mahler. Check it out!

Maazel and Mahler

To celebrate Lorin Maazel’s seven-year tenure as Music Director of the New York Philharmonic, 2002–2009, the complete Mahler symphonies - recorded live with Maazel conducting - are now available for free download! This set is exclusively digital and will not be released on CD.

- The Complete Mahler Symphonies: Live
  Follow along with the score! Mahler conducted his own first symphony in 1909, and the score he used has been digitized. This same score was used by Bruno Walter and Leonard Bernstein, and includes performance notes from both conductors.
Dudamel Conducts the L.A. Philharmonic

This guide is designed to complement Visions & Voices events with the L.A. Philharmonic

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Verdi’s Requiem

Research Guide for Dudamel Conducts Verdi’s Requiem

This research guide is designed to support the November 8th, 2009, Visions and Voices event, Dudamel Conducts Verdi’s Requiem

*This trip is for current USC students only. You must use the provided transportation to participate.

Check-in for the event will begin at 11:30 a.m. on campus. Buses will depart at 12:15 p.m. and return to campus at 5 p.m. Lunch will be provided. Please note that the event will include a pre-concert talk by Asadour Santourian, artistic advisor and administrator of the Aspen Music Festival and School, at the Walt Disney Concert Hall.

Gustavo Dudamel, the vibrant new music director for the Los Angeles Philharmonic, will conduct Verdi’s Requiem. Dudamel’s remarkable artistry and his unique ability to communicate and become one with an orchestra are only two of the characteristics that establish him as one of today’s leading figures in the music world. Join us in the spectacular Walt Disney Concert Hall as Dudamel conducts one of Verdi’s great works with the Los Angeles Master Chorale and featured artists Leah Crocetto, soprano; Ekaterina Gubanova, mezzo-soprano; Joseph Calleja, tenor; and John Relyea, bass. For further information on this event:
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Verdi's long life spanned Napoleonic rule and the age of broadcasting. In this new biography, John Rosselli considers a boldly innovative artist whose twenty-eight operas still speak to us. He investigates Verdi's businesslike running of a landed estate as well as a highly successful career, and looks into his complex relationships with two women singers: his second wife Giuseppina Strepponi and his probable lover Teresa Stolz. At the same time Roselli reinterprets the operas with novel insights showing us why Verdi still fills theaters and rouses enthusiasm.

Verdi's Requiem is one of the most frequently performed works of the choral repertoire, and one of Verdi's most important nonoperatic works. In this new handbook, David Rosen discusses the work's composition and performance history, and analyzes each of the seven movements, considering Verdi's interpretation of the liturgical text, with reference to settings by Mozart and Cherubini. Rosen also considers the work's coherence and the controversial issue of its generic status—the degree to which it is "operatic."
Music Databases

- **International Index to Music Periodicals**
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  Index of nearly 900 domestic and international journals in music. Full-text for some articles available through JSTOR. 1973-present.

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- **International Index to the Performing Arts**
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Gustavo Dudamel leads El Sistema's top youth orchestra

To learn more about Los Angeles' new conductor, browse his recordings, and view his performance schedule, visit his website.

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Interview with Gustavo Dudamel at the 2007 Proms

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