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# L.A. PHILHARMONIC: DUDAMEL CONDUCTS *MAHLER 4*

## USC LIBRARIES RESOURCE GUIDE



The unique sound of flutes and sleigh bells make the beginning of Gustav Mahler's Fourth Symphony unforgettable. The dynamic and distinguished Gustavo Dudamel will conduct the L.A. Philharmonic as they perform the last part of Mahler's "Wunderhorn" symphonies. Built around a single song, "Das Himmlische Leben," Mahler's Fourth moves through the viewpoints of different characters and settings—a skeleton playing a death dance on a fiddle, a somber processional march and a child's vision of Heaven—making for a concert performance that will amaze audiences.

**STEPHANIE BONJACK** of the **USC LIBRARIES** has selected the following resources to help you learn more about Dudamel, Mahler, and the Los Angeles Philharmonic.

### Disney Hall

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Designed by architect Frank Gehry, the Walt Disney Concert Hall provides audiences a unique visual and listening experience. The 2,265-seat auditorium, which was designed to look like a ship's hull, organizes the audience around the orchestra, lending a sense of intimacy even with those seated furthest away from the stage. The acoustics of the hall are sure to impress.

### The L.A. Philharmonic

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The Los Angeles Philharmonic Orchestra is one of the premiere performing ensembles in the world today. Its international renown is largely attributed to its tenth music director, Esa-Pekka Salonen, who conducted the ensemble from 1992 to 2009. This orchestra enjoys an especially supportive public, selling out its concert series every year even at a time when many orchestras are struggling to survive.

### Gustavo Dudamel

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The L. A. Philharmonic's highly anticipated eleventh director hails from Venezuela and is only 30 years old. A violin prodigy, Dudamel received his musical training in El Sistema (The System), a youth orchestra program founded by Dr. José Antonio Abreu. El Sistema started as a small gathering in Dr. Abreu's garage, and now teaches music to over 300,000 of Venezuela's poorest children. YOLA, Youth Orchestra Los Angeles, was inspired by El Sistema, and Angelenos are eager to see what transformation Dudamel will bring to this fledgling program.

To learn more about the Los Angeles Philharmonic's conductor, browse his recordings, and view his performance schedule, visit his website at [www.gustavodudamel.com](http://www.gustavodudamel.com). See the online version of this research guide at [libguides.usc.edu/dudamel](http://libguides.usc.edu/dudamel) for a video of Dudamel conducting El Sistema's top youth orchestra.

## Gustav Mahler Blog

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Music publisher Universal Edition has created a blog ([mahler.universaledition.com](http://mahler.universaledition.com)) 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.

## Maazel and Mahler

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To celebrate Lorin Maazel's seven-year tenure as Music Director of the New York Philharmonic from 2002 to 2009, the complete Mahler symphonies—recorded live with Maazel conducting—are now available for online purchase. This set is exclusively digital and will not be released on CD. To stream samples or buy the recordings, visit [bit.ly/maazelmahler](http://bit.ly/maazelmahler).

## Music Databases

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The following databases are accessible through the E-Resources tab on the USC Libraries homepage at [www.usc.edu/libraries](http://www.usc.edu/libraries).

### International Index to Music Periodicals

Scholarly and popular articles in music. Abstracts included for all citations. Full-text available for more recent articles. 1996–present.

### RILM: Répertoire International de Littérature Musicale

Abstracts of international articles, books, festschriften, dissertations, and conference proceedings in over 200 languages.

### Music Index Online

Index of nearly 900 domestic and international journals in music. Full-text for some articles available through JSTOR. 1973–present.

## Find Music Recordings

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Search HOMER, the USC Libraries' catalog, on the USC Libraries homepage at [www.usc.edu/libraries](http://www.usc.edu/libraries) for CDs and LPs of Mahler's music at USC. CDs are located in the Music Library and circulate for three days. LPs are located at Grand Avenue Library and can be paged through HOMER.