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**NEW YORK PHILHARMONIC ANNOUNCES
WINNERS OF 2008 *CONCERTS IN THE PARKS* PHOTO CONTEST**

The results of the New York Philharmonic 2008 *Concerts in the Parks* Photo Contest were announced today on the Orchestra's Website, nyphil.org. The winning photos, selected by popular vote in eight categories, are featured on the Website.

More than 400 digital photos were submitted to the New York Philharmonic's first-ever *Concerts in the Parks* Photo Contest by audience members who attended this year's free *Concerts in the Parks, Presented by Didi and Oscar Schafer*. Finalists in eight categories were selected by the New York Philharmonic, and the winners were selected by popular vote through nyphil.org. The eight categories were Best Performance Shot; Best Family/Friends Shot; Best Kid Shot; Best Nature Shot; Best Picnic Shot; Best NYC Moment Shot; Most Original Moment; and Overall Favorite Shot. Winners will receive a pair of free tickets to a New York Philharmonic concert.

The 2008 *Concerts in the Parks* Photo Contest was one of several new interactive features of this summer's free, outdoor concert series, including "Vote For Your Encore," and Concert Status Updates sent via text message.

To view the winning photos, go to nyphil.org.

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The New York Philharmonic *Concerts in the Parks* are presented by **Didi and Oscar Schafer**. Major support is also provided by **The City of New York**, through the **Department of Cultural Affairs, Kate D. Levin, Commissioner**, and **The Starr Foundation**. Additional support is provided by the **Bodman Foundation, Herman Goldman Foundation, Marc Hass Foundation, Victor Herbert Foundation**, the **Oenslager Endowment Fund**, and the **Seth Sprague Educational and Charitable Foundation**.

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The Concerts in the Parks are presented in cooperation with the **City of New York Department of Parks and Recreation, Michael Bloomberg, Mayor; Adrian Benepe, Commissioner**; the five **Borough Presidents**; and the **City Council of New York**. Fireworks by Bay Fireworks in Central Park, Cunningham Park, Prospect Park, Van Cortlandt Park, and Snug Harbor. Fireworks by Grucci in Heckscher State Park

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