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**NEW YORK PHILHARMONIC CONTINUES
“VOTE FOR YOUR ENCORE”
AT ALL CONCERTS IN THE PARKS, JULY 8–15, 2008**

Voters will Receive a Free New York Philharmonic DG Concerts Download

**“Vote for Your Encore” Is One of Several New Interactive Features of the
2008 *Concerts in the Parks*, Presented by Didi and Oscar Schafer
Including an Online Photo Contest and Concert Status Updates via Text Message**

The New York Philharmonic will offer audience members the opportunity to vote for the encore to be played at the close of all remaining performances of the annual, free summer series *Concerts in the Parks, Presented by Didi and Oscar Schafer, July 8–15, 2008*. This follows the Central Park concert on June 24, when the Orchestra, for the first time, offered audience members the opportunity to vote for the concert’s encore via text message from their mobile phone, attracting thousands of votes. Voters at the remaining *Concerts in the Parks* will receive **one free download** of a track from the New York Philharmonic’s live recordings available on DG Concerts. Remaining *Concerts in the Parks* performances take place in the boroughs of New York City as well as on Long Island and in New Jersey [dates and details below].

Encore choices will be announced in the parks before each concert in the series. Attendees at each venue can place their vote prior to and through intermission of the performance by sending a text message from any mobile phone to **“72648”** with the text NYPHIL followed by a space and a code indicating their selection. Voters will receive a text message in reply confirming their vote and providing a code to download a free DG Concerts track. For more information about how to vote for your encore, visit nyphil.org/parks.

The New York Philharmonic has also extended **Concert Status Updates** registration for the entire *Concerts in the Parks* series. In the case of inclement weather, up-to-the-minute information on the status of each outdoor concert will be sent by text message to attendees who sign up in advance to receive them at nyphil.org/parks.

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Submissions continue to be accepted for the ***New York Philharmonic Concerts in the Parks Photo Contest***, open to audience members attending any of the *Concerts in the Parks*. Participants can submit photos taken during any of the Parks concerts, or vote on those taken by others, at nyphil.org/parks. Selected photos will be posted on the site; the New York Philharmonic will determine the finalists, and the winners will be selected by the public through online voting. Photographers of winning photos will receive a pair of free tickets to an upcoming New York Philharmonic concert at Avery Fisher Hall at Lincoln Center.

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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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**2008 NEW YORK PHILHARMONIC CONCERTS IN THE PARKS,
PRESENTED BY DIDI AND OSCAR SCHAFFER**

All concerts at 8:00 p.m.

Tuesday, July 8 – Saturday, July 12, 2008

Xian Zhang, conductor
Sheryl Staples, violin
Michelle Kim, violin

MOZART
J.S. BACH
ELGAR

Divertimento in D major, K.125a
Concerto for Two Violins in D minor, BWV 1043
Enigma Variations

Tuesday, July 8

Richmond County Bank Ballpark, Staten Island

- Take the 4 or 5 subway to Bowling Green; the R or W to Whitehall Station; or the 1 to South Ferry, then a 25 minute ride on the free Staten Island Ferry. Exit the ferry from the upper deck and follow signs to the ballpark.
- By car from Manhattan, Brooklyn, Queens, and Long Island: take lower level of Verrazano Bridge, stay right to toll booths. Take Bay Street Exit and follow school road to Bay Street; make a left on Bay Street. Follow Bay Street 2.3 miles past the Staten Island Ferry Terminal and make a right turn at the parking sign right before the Ballpark. Go down the ramp to the parking lot and enter the Ballpark.

Wednesday, July 9

PNC Bank Arts Center, Holmdel, New Jersey

- Take the Garden State Parkway to exit #116

Thursday, July 10

Cunningham Park, Queens

- Enter at 193rd Street, near 81st Avenue or Union Turnpike. Concert site is at 193rd Street Field

Friday, July 11

Van Cortlandt Park, Bronx

- Enter the park from Broadway, near West 251st Street. Concert site is north of the baseball fields (more)

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Saturday, July 12

Heckscher State Park, East Islip, Long Island

- Take the Heckscher State Parkway to Heckscher State Park. Concert site is at the North Field
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Monday, July 14, 2008

Alan Gilbert, conductor
Sheryl Staples, violin
Michelle Kim, violin

J.S. BACH
BEETHOVEN
SIBELIUS

Concerto for Two Violins in D minor, BWV 1043
Symphony No. 4
Finlandia

Prospect Park

- Enter at Grand Army Plaza, Prospect Park West at 9th Street or Bartel-Pritchard Circle at the intersection of Prospect Park West, Prospect Park Southwest and 15th Street
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Tuesday, July 15, 2008

Alan Gilbert, conductor
Lang Lang, piano

TCHAIKOVSKY
BEETHOVEN
SIBELIUS

Piano Concerto No. 1
Symphony No. 4
Finlandia

The Great Lawn, Central Park, Manhattan

- Westside entrances: West 81st or 86th Streets at Central Park West
- Eastside entrances: East 79th or 85th Streets at Fifth Avenue

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Concerts will be followed by fireworks in all New York locations.

All programs subject to change

A full range of color and black & white photographs is available by contacting the New York Philharmonic Public Relations department: (212) 875-5700 or PR@nyphil.org.