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DEFIANT REQUIEM:
The John F. Kennedy Center
for the Performing Arts, October 6, 2010 **Verdi at Terezín**

Defiant Requiem: Verdi at Terezín

“We Will Sing to the Nazis What We Cannot Say to Them”

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 6, 2010 at 7:30pm
THE JOHN F. KENNEDY CENTER FOR THE PERFORMING ARTS
WASHINGTON, DC

Hosted by Ambassador Stuart Eizenstat and Fran Eizenstat

Created and Conducted by Murry Sidlin

Featuring

The Washington National Opera Orchestra

The City Choir of Washington, Robert Shafer Artistic Director

Members of The Catholic University of America Chorus, Leo Nestor Director

Defiant Requiem: Verdi at Terezín tells the story of courageous Jewish prisoners in the **Theresienstadt Concentration Camp** during World War II who learned Verdi's Requiem Mass by rote and then performed this compelling work 16 times as a statement of defiance and resistance, answering the worst of mankind with the best of mankind. The concert/drama features a full performance of The Requiem with actors, video testimony with surviving members of the choir, and original Nazi propaganda film footage. The performance is powerful, dramatic and inspirational, with a contemporary message of hope. “This is an event not to be missed by anyone who is willing to have his or her life changed forever,” Leonard Slatkin, former music director, the National Symphony Orchestra.

Sponsored by the governments of the Czech Republic, Austria, Germany, Israel, and Sweden; American University, the United States Holocaust Memorial Museum; Alice and David Rubenstein, Chairman of the Kennedy Center; Ronald Lauder; The American Jewish Joint Distribution Committee; The Annenberg Foundation; The Harry and Jeanette Weinberg Foundation Inc., and Elie Wiesel. The educational components are supported by a grant from the **National Endowment for The Humanities**. The performance is supported by the bipartisan leadership of the United States Congress.

Tickets are available from \$30-\$85. For more information or to order tickets, visit or call the Kennedy Center Box Office after June 1 at (202) 467-4600 or toll free (800) 444-1324 or on-line at www.kennedy-center.org.

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