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## **WQED FM89.3 PROGRAMMING FOR PASSOVER AND HOLOCAUST REMEMBRANCE 2008**

PITTSBURGH – WQED fm89.3 will celebrate Passover in April and recognize Holocaust Remembrance Days April 27 - May 4 with a series of classical specials.

The Passover programming features classical music from some of the world's great composers, conductors and orchestras, including John Elliot Gardiner and the Monteverdi Orchestra and Chorus performing Handel. *The Joy of Prayer*, an inspiring Sabbath Service, is cantored by Sherrill Milnes, one of the greatest baritones of his generation.

WQED fm89.3 offers this schedule for Passover and Holocaust Remembrance Days:

### **Sunday, April 20th – 7-10am**

*Sacred Classics* - In a Passover celebration, this week's program features selections from *Hallel Service* by Israeli composer Yehezkel Braun. The Berlin Radio Symphony Orchestra with the Ernst Senff Choir is conducted by Gerard Schwarz.

### **Sunday, April 20<sup>th</sup> – 7-10pm**

*World Class* – In celebration of Passover, World Class features Handel's Passover oratorio *Israel in Egypt*, performed by the Monteverdi Orchestra and Chorus under the direction of John Elliot Gardiner.

**Monday, April 21<sup>st</sup> – 9-10pm**

*The Western Wind's Passover Story* – Theodore Bikel and The Western Wind Vocal Ensemble team up to tell and sing the Passover story.

**Thursday, April 24<sup>th</sup> – 8:45-10pm**

*The Joy of Prayer* – Baritone Sherrill Milnes cantors Martin Kalmanoff's universally inspiring Friday evening and Saturday morning Sabbath Service music performed by the American Symphony Orchestra and Chorus.

**Wednesday, April 30<sup>th</sup> – 9-10pm**

*A Voice for the Silenced* – In honor of Holocaust Memorial Day on May 2, Monika Vischer and conductor James Conlan take the audience to the so-called "cultural" concentration camp – Terezín – to explore how music and culture thrived in the most desperate of times. They are joined by one of the few remaining Terezín survivors, singer Ela Weissberger, for an hour of music from imprisoned composers whose suppressed music is now heard as a poignant reminder of the powerful force music can play in people's lives.

**Thursday, May 1<sup>st</sup> – 9-10pm**

*Music of Remembrance: Brundibar* – In honor of Holocaust Memorial Day on May 2, Mina Miller hosts Hans Krása's *Brundibár*, one of the 2007 *Opera News* Top Ten opera recordings. A tale of innocence triumphing over evil, this children's opera features extraordinary interviews with playwright Tony Kushner, and with a woman who, as a child, sang in 55 performances of the opera at the Terezin concentration camp, where the composer, conductor and children of the original cast were sent and died.

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