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**New York Philharmonic
GUSTAVO DUDAMEL'S INAUGURAL GALA
in Partnership with
Rolex**

**Dudamel Leads Orchestra in *La PanAmericana*,
Featuring Pianist Sergio Tiempo and Vocalist Brian Stokes Mitchell**

**September 30, 2026
Wu Tsai Theater, David Geffen Hall**

Gustavo Dudamel's Inaugural Gala in partnership with Rolex, celebrating Dudamel's arrival as the New York Philharmonic's Oscar L. Tang and H.M. Agnes Hsu-Tang Music & Artistic Director, will be held on Wednesday, September 30, 2026, at the Wu Tsai Theater, David Geffen Hall.

Dudamel will conduct *La PanAmericana* — a program of works spanning the Americas — which will include Ginastera's Four Dances from *Estancia*; J.B. Plaza's *Fuga Criolla*; *The Mestizo Waltz*, from Gabriela Lena Frank's Three Latin American Dances; the US Premiere of *Circus*, from Sir Anthony Hopkins's *1947: Suite for Piano and Orchestra*, featuring **Sergio Tiempo** as soloist; the New York Premiere of Gabriela Ortiz's *Mujer Arena*; and Ellington's *Harlem*. Vocalist **Brian Stokes Mitchell** will also appear as soloist, singing a medley of Sondheim's *Another Hundred People*, from *Company*, and Strayhorn's *Take the "A" Train*; as well as Sondheim's *Getting Married Today*, also from *Company*.

The Gala evening will include a cocktail reception at 5:00 p.m. featuring live entertainment on the Josie Robertson Plaza by the bands Los Hacheros and Flor de Toloache; the concert, which begins at 7:00 p.m.; and a three-course, seated dinner attended by the musicians and Dudamel on the Leon and Norma Hess Grand Promenade. Gala dress will be bold black tie.

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For more information about the entire Gala evening, please visit nyphil.org/gustavo-dudamel-inaugural-gala, call the Office of Special Events at (646) 870-4054, or email events@nyphil.org.

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Event Listing

GUSTAVO DUDAMEL'S INAUGURAL GALA

Wu Tsai Theater, David Geffen Hall at Lincoln Center

Wednesday, September 30, 2026, 7:00 p.m.

Gustavo Dudamel, conductor
Sergio Tiempo, piano
Brian Stokes Mitchell, vocalist

GINASTERA	Four Dances from <i>Estancia</i>
J.B. PLAZA	<i>Fuga Criolla</i>
Gabriela Lena FRANK	<i>The Mestizo Waltz</i> , from Three Latin American Dances
Anthony HOPKINS	<i>Circus</i> , from <i>1947: Suite</i> for Piano and Orchestra (US Premiere)
Gabriela ORTIZ	<i>Mujer Arena</i> (New York Premiere)
SONDHEIM / STRAYHORN / Arr. B.S. Mitchell / Orch. L. Hochman	<i>Another Hundred People</i> , from <i>Company</i> / <i>Take the "A" Train</i>
SONDHEIM / Arr. B.S. Mitchell / Orch. T. Firth	<i>Getting Married Today</i> , from <i>Company</i>
ELLINGTON / Orch. L. Henderson	<i>Harlem</i>

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