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**NEW YORK PHILHARMONIC TO POSTPONE  
PLANNED CONCERTS IN HAVANA, CUBA**

**Statement: October 1, 2009**

The New York Philharmonic has postponed its proposed concerts in Havana, Cuba, which had been tentatively scheduled for October 30 – November 2, 2009. The postponement is due to existing U.S. Government restrictions on travel to Cuba which would affect project funders and supporters, without whose financial support the trip is not possible.

The Philharmonic offers its sincere appreciation to the many people who have offered their support of the project and are continuing to work toward its fruition – including the current Administration, the U.S. Department of State, the U.S. Department of the Treasury, Senator Charles Schumer, Congressman Charles Rangel, Congressman Steve Israel and patrons of the New York Philharmonic. The New York Philharmonic extends its thanks to the people and government of Cuba for their invitation to perform in Havana.

The New York Philharmonic intends to reschedule these concerts when travel restrictions for project funders are resolved.

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