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Misty Copeland Hosts Live Great Performances Concert of Verdi’s Requiem Honoring the 20th Anniversary of September 11 from The Metropolitan Opera on PBS

Features Yannick Nézet-Séguin, Ailyn Pérez, Elīna Garanča, Matthew Polenzani, Eric Owens and more

Synopsis:
Great Performances and The Metropolitan Opera present a special live performance of Verdi’s “Requiem” commemorating the 20th anniversary of the September 11 attacks. Conducted by Met Music Director Yannick Nézet-Séguin, the concert features performances by the Met orchestra, chorus and soloists Ailyn Pérez, Elīna Garanča, Matthew Polenzani and Eric Owens. Hosted by world-renowned ballerina Misty Copeland from nearby the site of the 9/11 Memorial & Museum, the special includes footage from the archives of the museum as well as New York City’s Tribute in Light, a commemorative public art installation featuring two beams of light that reach up to four miles into the sky, echoing the shape and orientation of the Twin Towers, every year from dusk to dawn on the night of September 11. Great Performances – Verdi’s Requiem: The Met Remembers 9/11 premieres Saturday, September 11 at 8 p.m. ET on PBS (check local listings) and will live stream in select markets. The concert will be available to stream on demand on pbs.org/gperf and the PBS Video app the next day.

Notable Talent:
- Misty Copeland – Host
- Yannick Nézet-Séguin – Met Music Director
- Ailyn Pérez - Soprano
• Elīna Garanča – Mezzo-soprano
• Matthew Polenzani - Tenor
• Eric Owens – Bass-baritone

Noteworthy Fact:
• This concert is the first performance at the Metropolitan Opera House since its closure in March 2020 due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

Short TV Listing:
Honor the 20th anniversary of the September 11 attacks featuring the Met orchestra, chorus and more.

Long TV Listing:
Honor the 20th anniversary of the September 11 attacks with this special performance hosted by Misty Copeland and led by Met Music Director Yannick Nézet-Séguin featuring soloists Ailyn Pérez, Elīna Garanča, Matthew Polenzani and Eric Owens.

Series Overview:
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Production Credits:
Great Performances – Verdi’s Requiem: The Met Remembers 9/11 is produced by the Metropolitan Opera in association with the National September 11 Memorial & Museum. For the Met, Mia Bongiovanni is Supervising Producer, and Louisa Briccetti, Matt Dobkin, and Victoria Warivonchik are Producers. Peter Gelb is Executive Producer. For Great Performances: Bill O’Donnell is Series Producer and David Horn is Executive Producer.

Underwriters:
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