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WRR to air DSO's 2005 Hispanic and African-American Festival Concerts July 18 and 25

WRR will rebroadcast the recent Hispanic Festival Concert and the African-American Festival Concert presented by the Dallas Symphony Orchestra.

“WRR is pleased to present these incredible concerts for everyone to enjoy,” WRR General Manager Greg Davis said. “Each concert is an insightful and soulful journey into two rich and diverse cultures.”

The 2005 Hispanic Festival Concert will air Monday, July 18 starting at 9 p.m. In addition to the DSO, the concert includes flutist Horacio Franco, Mariachi Vargas de Tecalitlan, and Maestro Carlos Prieto.

The concert marks the Meyerson Center debut of Mariachi Vargas de Tecalitlan, the world-renown mariachi band founded in 1898. Maestro Prieto is music director of the Xalapa Symphony Orchestra, Mexico's oldest orchestra, and associate conductor of the Houston Symphony. This concert is his third appearance as a DSO guest conductor. Franco is one of Mexico's best known artists both at home and abroad. Described by the international press as "one of the most distinguished recorder players of our time," his unusual image as a pop star breaks the stereotype of the classical musician.

On Monday, July 25, WRR will broadcast DSO's African American Festival Concert beginning at 9 p.m. The Dallas Symphony Orchestra will take us back to the roots of today's modern music by exploring African music traditions from which much of it originated.

Guest Conductor Leslie B. Dunner, pianist Jade Simmons and the Dallas Symphony Orchestra present “An Evening with the American Masters.” From George Gershwin to modern composer Woody Woods, the concert focuses on 75 years of music with a distinctly American flavor. It also features Simmons performing Corigliano's *Piano Concerto*.