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2009 SEASON OPENING GALA CONCERT

The Philadelphia Orchestra
Charles Dutoit Conductor
Alec Baldwin Narrator

Berlioz Roman Carnival Overture Copland Lincoln Portrait Saint-Saëns Symphony No. 3 ("Organ")

This concert will be performed without an intermission.

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THAT IS WHAT HE SAID. THAT IS WHAT ABRAHAM LINCOLN SAID.

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