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Maestro David Stahl honored by South Carolina Department of Commerce

Charleston, SC – Maestro David Stahl was honored by the South Carolina Department of Commerce during the opening night of the Merrill Lynch Masterworks Series on Saturday, September 27, 2008. The opening night concert also marked the beginning of Maestro Stahl's 25th Anniversary season with the Charleston Symphony Orchestra.

The Palmetto Ambassador Award was given to Maestro Stahl by Jack Ellenberg, Deputy Secretary for New Investment in between the two pieces on the program: *Alexander Nevsky* (Prokofiev) and *1812 Overture* (Tchaikovsky). Maestro Stahl was surprised and honored as he accepted the award on stage.

When asked about the reason for honoring Maestro Stahl, Mr. Ellenberg said, "Maestro Stahl has been instrumental in assisting the Department of Commerce in recruiting foreign direct investment and jobs to South Carolina. His commitment to our state and his willingness to promote its great qualities, have furthered recruitment efforts abroad and enhanced Commerce's relationship with some of our largest German investors. For all of this, the South Carolina Department of Commerce and the State of South Carolina are pleased to present Mr. Stahl with the Palmetto Ambassador Award,"

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