



# Symphony 2019

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## **Tribute to a Star – Blueprint Studios Orchestrates SF Symphony's 108th Gala, Celebrating Conductor Michael Tilson Thomas' 25th Year**

The City of San Francisco will celebrate two momentous milestones on September 4th—the opening of the San Francisco Symphony's 108th season and the commencement of conductor Michael Tilson Thomas' 25th and final season as Music Director of the San Francisco Symphony.

Blueprint Studios has been chosen to design and execute this historic event, carrying on a 10-year tradition of producing the Symphony's Opening Night Gala. Since 2009, Blueprint Studios has been integral to the staging of the San Francisco Symphony Opening Night Gala, orchestrating every stage of planning and production of this high-profile celebration for one of the city's most iconic cultural institutions.

This longstanding creative partnership is a testimony to Principal Owners Paul Moss' and Mircea Manea's commitment to community and artistic excellence, with every stage of design and production reflecting Blueprint Studios' deep appreciation of the San Francisco Symphony's adventurous and innovative spirit.

In addition to highlighting the achievements of the Symphony and its legendary conductor, affectionately known as MTT, the evening will showcase an astounding array of cutting-edge designs, digital displays, and feats of technical ingenuity; with more than 150 Blueprint Studios production team members executing nine events throughout the evening, including four simultaneous dinners. Drawing inspiration from the occasion, the multi-venue masterpiece has been designed to immerse more than 3000 guests in a realm of starlit elegance.

The opening night celebration will begin with Symphony enthusiasts striding over a vibrant hot pink arrival carpet while passing through a series of artistic archways adorned with iconic MTT photo moments. Creative nuances and personalized touches that celebrate the beloved conductor will be ever-present throughout the evening's décor. Celebratory color, immersive environments, and playful accents will be interwoven throughout all event areas spanning from San Francisco City Hall and Davies Symphony Hall, including the most opulent of all, the Patrons Pavilion.

The 12,000 square foot Patrons Pavilion will be the most immersive dining experience with over 3000 lighted gold pendants cascading from colossal illuminated fringe structures. Carefully orchestrated lighting will take patrons from a cerulean blue sunset to a twilight lit evening as the walls and structures synchronize throughout the night.