

CRITICS' 'BEST OF 2009' PICKS

Sir Simon Rattle



In Chicago with the Berlin Philharmonic Orchestra:

- **Top 7 Performances of 2009: 2. Simon Rattle and the Berlin Philharmonic Orchestra**

“What can one say that hasn’t been said? The turn-on-a-dime precision and burnished brilliance of the Berlin musicians in November was as remarkable as ever, and, under the leadership of Sir Simon Rattle, the ensemble seems to be entering a new golden age”.

Chicago classical review, December 20, 2009

- **Top 5 Classical Concerts : Simon Rattle & the Berlin Philharmonic**

The HideOut Chicago, December 28, 2009

In the *Washington Post*, December 27, 2009:

Best of the decade: Classical music By Anne Midgette

“Germany's guard changed when *Simon Rattle* became leader of the Berlin Philharmonic in 2002, and *Katharina Wagner* and *Eva Wagner-Pasquier* took control of the festival of their great-grandfather Richard Wagner in Bayreuth in 2008.”

Richard Goode

“A noteworthy year of classical music

The Cleveland Institute of Music took advantage of the acoustical wonders of its new, intimate concert hall by welcoming three superb artists this year in recital. Pianist **Richard Goode**, mezzo-soprano Frederica von Stade and soprano Dawn Upshaw **captivated listeners with vibrantly communicative music-making**”.

The Plain Dealer (Cleveland), December 2009

Leon Fleisher

Best in Classical Music for 2009

“Network for New Music. This month the 25-year-old ensemble offered a Hindemith/Ligeti program that was literally smashing. One of the percussion effects demanded by Ligeti's *Nouvelle Aventures* was a tray of cocktail glasses shattering on the floor of the Perelman Theater. **Presiding over this glorious madness was the venerable pianist/conductor Leon Fleisher. If only more musicians aged so adventurously**”.

The Philadelphia Inquirer, December 2009

Ten more great arts events from 2009 “... Leon Fleisher (March 29) in memorable recitals.”

The Birmingham News, January 03, 2010



Kalichstein-Laredo-Robinson Trio

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Kalichstein-Laredo-Robinson Trio (Oct. 8). A model of chamber music refinement”.

The Birmingham News, January 03, 2010