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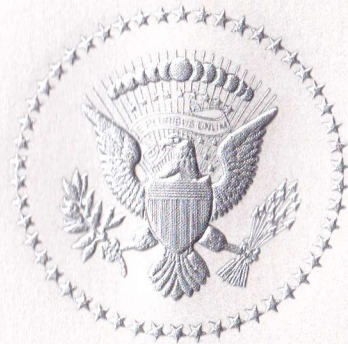
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THE PRESIDENT AND MRS. OBAMA

*welcome you to*

THE WHITE HOUSE

*On the occasion of the visit of*

*Her Excellency*

DR. ANGELA MERKEL

*Chancellor of the Federal Republic of Germany*

*and*

PROFESSOR DR. JOACHIM SAUER



*Tuesday, June 7, 2011*

## MEDAL OF FREEDOM PROGRAM

*Remarks by*  
The President

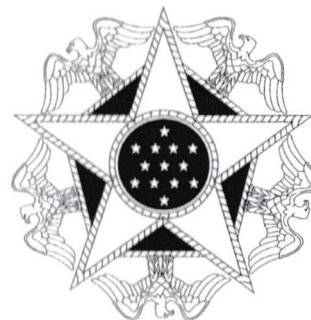
*Presentation of the*  
MEDAL OF FREEDOM

*Remarks by*  
Chancellor Merkel



## DR. ANGELA MERKEL

Dr. Angela Merkel came to symbolize the triumph of freedom by becoming the first East German to serve as Chancellor of a united Federal Republic of Germany. She also made history when she became Germany's first female Chancellor. A dedicated public servant, Chancellor Merkel has promoted liberty and prosperity in her own country, in Europe, and throughout the world.



## PRESIDENTIAL MEDAL OF FREEDOM

Originally established as the *Medal of Freedom* by President Truman by Executive Order 9586 of July 6, 1945, the Medal was reestablished as the *Presidential Medal of Freedom* by President John F. Kennedy by Executive Order 11085 of February 22, 1963. It is the highest civil award of our Government. The Medal is awarded by the President of the United States to persons who have made especially meritorious contributions to the security or national interests of the United States, to world peace, or to cultural or other significant public or private endeavors. The Medal may be awarded to citizens of other nations and may be awarded posthumously.

*Dinner*

*White House Garden  
Chopped Salad  
Fine Herbs  
White House Honey Gastrique*

*Tuna Tartare with Rye Crisps  
Pickled Young Carrots and Mustard Oil  
Spring Pea Salad  
Shaved Ham and Ginger Snaps*

WOODWARD CANYON CHARDONNAY "WASHINGTON" 2009

*Petite Filet  
with Maryland Crab Ravioli  
Wild Ramp Purée*

KOSTA BROWNE PINOT NOIR "KOPLIN VINEYARD" 2008

*Apple Strudel  
Golden Raisins and Toppings*

SCHRAMSBERG CRÉMANT 2006

PROGRAM

*Performance by*

MEMBERS OF THE  
NATIONAL SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA

CHRISTOPH ESCHENBACH  
*Conductor*

NURIT BAR-JOSEF  
*Violin*

GEORGE LI  
*Guest Piano Soloist*

Felix Mendelssohn (1809–1847)	<i>Octet – Scherzo</i>
Ludwig van Beethoven (1770–1827)	<i>"Spring Sonata" last movement</i>
Franz Liszt (1811–1886)	<i>Hungarian Rhapsody No. 2</i>
George Frideric Handel (1685–1759)	<i>Concerto Grosso</i>



*Selections by*

JAMES TAYLOR

JEFF BABKO  
*Piano*

ARNOLD McCULLER  
*Vocals*

JIMMY JOHNSON  
*Bass Guitar*

CAROLINE TAYLOR  
*Vocals*

KATE MARKOWITZ  
*Vocals*

CHAD WACKERMAN  
*Drums*

ANDREA ZONN  
*Vocals*

NATIONAL SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA  
CONDUCTED BY  
CHRISTOPH ESCHENBACH

Now in its 80th season, the National Symphony Orchestra is the affiliate of the John F. Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts, and regularly participates in events of national and international importance, including performances for state occasions, official holiday celebrations, and one of the nation's finest education programs. Through its foreign tours the NSO also fulfills an important international role. NSO Music Director Christoph Eschenbach is one of the world's finest musicians, globally active as conductor, pianist, and mentor. In his first season with the NSO, his distinguished leadership has already had a profound impact on the NSO's artistry and reputation.



GEORGE LI

George Li gave his first public concert in Boston at the age of nine and has performed extensively since then, including appearances with the Cleveland Orchestra and Venezuela's Simon Bolivar Orchestra. He studies with Wha Kyung Byun at New England Conservatory, and plays with technical brilliance and interpretive depth far beyond his years. As the First Prize Winner of the Young Concert Artists International Auditions, 15-year-old Li makes his formal debuts this Fall opening the Young Concert Artists Series at Washington's Kennedy Center and New York's Merkin Hall. Next month he performs on a European tour as soloist with the New England Conservatory Orchestra including Vienna's Musikverein and at Germany's Festspiele Mecklenburg-Vorpommern.

JAMES TAYLOR

James Taylor was featured on the cover of *Time* magazine in 1971, heralded as the harbinger of the singer-songwriter era. Four decades later his warm baritone, introspective lyrics and unique guitar playing have set a precedent and blazed a path to which countless young musicians have aspired. He has sold more than 50 million albums, beginning in 1968 when he was signed to The Beatles' Apple Records. Throughout his long career, Taylor has earned 40 gold, platinum, and multi-platinum awards and five Grammy Awards. He recently received the National Medal of Arts from President Obama in a ceremony at the White House. The medal is the nation's highest honor for artistic excellence recognizing "outstanding achievements and support of the arts." Raised in North Carolina, Taylor lives in Massachusetts with his wife, Caroline, and their twins, Henry and Rufus.



