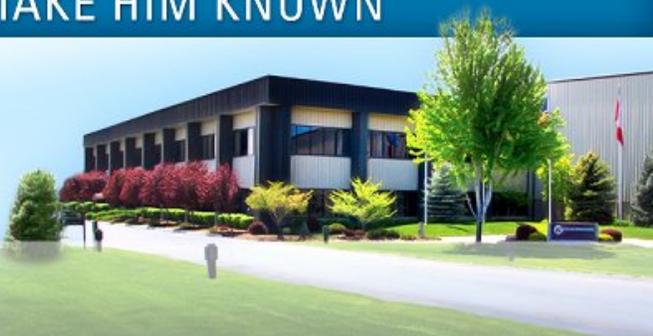


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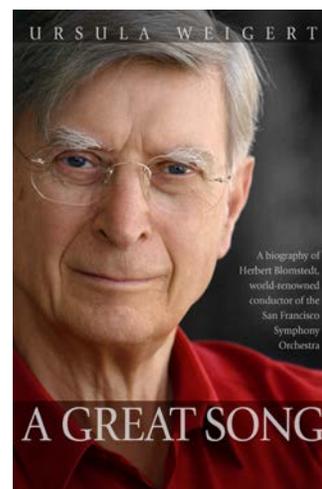


Herbert Blomstedt: Maestro, Maven, and Man of Faith

Nampa, Idaho, (February 27, 2017)—Pacific Press® has just released *A Great Song*, the biography of Herbert Blomstedt, world-renowned conductor of the San Francisco Symphony Orchestra. One of the most remarkable things about Blomstedt is the fact that he is equally respected for his musical genius as he is for being a faithful Seventh-day Adventist.

Born in Springfield, Mass., in 1927, Blomstedt moved with his parents to Sweden as a child where his father served as pastor and church administrator, and his mother was a gifted music teacher. *A Great Song* is the story of a boy who fell madly in love with classical music at the age of twelve. It chronicles the journey of a young man who, instead of following his father's wish that he become a pastor, chose rather to study music. It's the biography of a young musician who earned the opportunity to conduct the world's leading symphony orchestras. It is the account of a maestro who has served the field of classical music with humility, integrity, kindness, and an encyclopedic knowledge of the classical music repertoire. Finally, it is the celebration of a world-class conductor who is also an exceptional person, loved and respected by concertgoers and musicians worldwide.

Herbert Blomstedt turns 90 in July. Remarkably, his 2017 concert schedule includes conducting more than 90 concerts with the world's leading orchestras. This was celebrated in a recent *New York Times* article, [This Maestro Is Turning 90 and Conducting Over 90 Concerts This Year](#), which also notes how the Adventist faith has impacted Blomstedt's life choices.



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Herbert Blomstedt,
Conductor Laureate of the San Francisco Symphony
rehearsing Beethoven's Ode to Joy, February, 2017.

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-- Herbert Blomstedt,
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