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## **Concordia Foundation announces partnership with the Lord Mayor of the City of London in 2010/11**

Further to the announcement of the 15th Anniversary Gala Concert at the Queen Elizabeth Hall on 22nd November 2010, the Concordia Foundation is delighted to accept the kind invitation to join the Lord Mayor of the City of London, Alderman Michael Bear and the Lady Mayoress, Barbara Bear in a unique collaboration and partnership to work together, both nationally and internationally with concerts planned in London, Vietnam, China and Kenya during official Mayoral visits.

Lord Mayor Elect, Alderman Michael Bear said "The partnership accords perfectly with my strategy of using cultural diplomacy in support of the City and its global agenda". Gillian Humphreys, Founder and Artistic Director of Concordia Foundation said "We are privileged to have the opportunity of working with the future Lord Mayor and Lady Mayoress. Our aim has always been to build bridges of friendship through music and the arts from the very heart of London to the world. This unique partnership will enable us to reach out to communities that may not otherwise have these wonderful artistic opportunities".

On the afternoon of the Gala Concert, the Lady Mayoress, Barbara Bear, will be bringing hundreds of school children involved with Concordia Young Audiences projects to the Queen Elizabeth Hall to watch the rehearsal. An inspiring experience for children who may not otherwise have the opportunity to meet the musicians and experience a live classical music performance.

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