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Geraldine Freund commissions bronze bust of Solti

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Lady Geraldine Freund, a member of the Women's Board and a governing member of the Chicago Symphony Orchestra, has commissioned a bronze portrait bust of Sir Georg Solti, by Dame Elisabeth Frink, distinguished British sculptress, that will be unveiled at noon Saturday in Lincoln Park, in front of the formal garden, facing the entrance to the park's conservatory. The City of Chicago will honor and dedicate the bronze and stone monument to Sir Georg in celebration of his 75th birthday.

Said Lady Geraldine in making the gift, "This is a high point in the cultural and artistic life of the City of Chicago during its sesquicentennial year." It will be mounted to a stone pedestal and transition piece of art deco design. The base is 4 feet square by 5 feet in height. The bust is three-times lifesize, giving a total height of 8 feet.

The ceremonies will be conducted by WBBM-TV anchorman Bill Kurtis.

Mayor Harold Washington is the honorary chairman. Co-chairpersons of the dedication are Geraldine Freund and Eleanor Wood-Prince. Among the committee members for the dedication are: Heather Blandic, David Carlson, Jona Wood-Prince

Chewing, Bill Kurtis, Cheryl J. Lewin, Helen Harvey Mills, Hope McCormick, Rhoda Piltzker, Norman Ross, Jennie Schmitz, Michele Rabier Schubert, Mrs. Edward Byron Smith, Mary Ella Smith, Maureen Smith, and Laurie Sudler.

Preceding the dedication and unveiling of the bronze bust, the gala 75th birthday celebration concert for Sir Georg Solti, currently the world's greatest conductor will perform on the piano for the first time in Orchestra Hall when he makes his "official" American debut as a pianist with pianist Murray Perahia, in Mozart's "Concerto for Two Pianos. The concert also features

acclaimed operatic tenor Placido Domingo, who will take the podium to conduct the Chicago Symphony in Johann Strauss' Overture to "Die Fledermaus" and then join soprano Dame Kiri Te Kanawa and the Chicago Symphony Chorus in singing excerpts from Verdi's opera "Otello."

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