

Gershwin's Magic Key



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Endorsed by the Gershwin family and supported by the National Endowment for the Arts, **Gershwin's Magic Key** will be the first-ever, *educationally-entertaining* theatrical symphony concert exposing children and their parents to the extraordinary life and musical masterpieces of one of the greatest *American* composers of all time!

The story tells of a chance meeting on the streets of New York City between a poor newspaper boy and the great American composer George Gershwin. The orchestra magically weaves Gershwin's greatest hits into the drama as the master composer shares historical anecdotes about his life and musical passion. A bonding friendship develops as they explore the vast melting pot of American music and discover the key to unlocking the boy's own musical potential.

Family and student audiences will be captivated by over twenty of Gershwin's most popular compositions from classical compositions including *Porgy & Bess*, *American in Paris*, *Cuban Overture*, *Concerto in F* and *Rhapsody in Blue* to popular hits from the *American Songbook* including *I Got Rhythm*, *Swanee*, *Stairway to Paradise*, *Someone to Watch Over Me*, and *Fascinating Rhythm*.

