

**Dedication of the Juilliard Chamber Orchestra concert
to the memory of Otto-Werner Mueller
February 26, 2016**

This morning we learned of the passing of Otto-Werner Mueller, the great German-born conductor and a legendary conducting pedagogue. Maestro Mueller was, among many other things, the Director of Orchestral Studies and teacher of orchestral conducting at Juilliard from 1987 to 2004. As a teacher, Maestro Mueller instilled in his students a tremendous sense of responsibility to the music itself. He passed this sense of responsibility and artistry on to a whole new generation of orchestral players and conductors. The long and distinguished list of Maestro Mueller's conducting students includes Alan Gilbert, who along with being the Music Director of the NY Phil, is Juilliard's current Director of Orchestral Studies and Conducting.

We feel that it is a fitting and poignant tribute to Maestro Mueller that tonight's program is given by the conductor-less Juilliard Chamber Orchestra. Maestro Mueller would have appreciated the hard work and dedication to the score that is required to perform such a program without the leadership of a conductor. And so, tonight, The Juilliard School is honored to dedicate this Chamber Orchestra program to his memory.

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