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OTELLO

Tuesday 1 December 2009 at 7:00 pm

We have the wonderful opportunity of attending a concert performance of Verdi's opera *Otello* at the Barbican Hall with the London Symphony Orchestra under Sir Colin Davis. The cast includes Torstern Kerl as Otello, Gerald Finley as Iago and Anne Schwanewilms as Desdemona.

Verdi's lifelong love of Shakespeare reached its tragic flowering in this opera, in which Iago's pitiless machinations destroy the noble Otello and his young wife Desdemona. The plot is thrillingly taut, and its ardent lyricism and cruel core caused an immediate sensation. At one in the morning on the night of *Otello's* premiere at La Scala in 1887, excited crowds were still shouting their enthusiasm in the streets outside Verdi's hotel

Although this is a dress rehearsal there should be no difference to the performances that will follow on ensuing evenings. We shall be sitting in the stalls where the normal cost is £32 but we have the chance of attending this event for only £12 including a programme. The concert is expected to end around 10 pm.

Please let me know how many tickets you would like by completing and returning the slip below **no later than Monday 23 November** with your remittance. Tickets will be distributed at the Barbican before the concert, so please arrive in good time.

Andrew Dyke



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I wish to attend the evening, for which I enclose a cheque (payable to **Bridge Ward Club**)
for £..... (£12 each) for my party of

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