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# Leonard BERNSTEIN

(1918-1990)

## Mass (1971)

A Theatre Piece for Singers, Players and Dancers  
Text from the liturgy of the Roman Mass  
Additional texts by Stephen Schwartz  
and Leonard Bernstein

### Jubilant Sykes, Celebrant

Asher Edward Wulfman, Boy Soprano

### Morgan State University Choir

Dr. Eric Conway, Director

### Peabody Children's Chorus

Doreen Falby, Director

### Baltimore Symphony Orchestra

### Marin Alsop

Music Director and Conductor

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A detailed track and cast list can be found  
on pages 2 and 3 of the booklet. Sung texts included.  
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When Leonard Bernstein was asked by Jacqueline Kennedy Onassis to compose the inaugural work for the opening of The John F. Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts in Washington, D.C., he wrote: "The Mass is also an extremely dramatic event in itself—it even suggests a theater work." Premiered on September 8, 1971, with additional words by Stephen Schwartz of *Godspell* fame, *Mass* is a remarkable, visionary work with a kaleidoscope of musical styles that touches on themes of political protest, existential crisis and religious faith lost and found.

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