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To All In Attendance  
"A Birthday Tribute to  
Leonard Bernstein and Morton Gould"  
The Harmonie Ensemble  
Lincoln Center Out-of-Doors  
Lincoln Center for the Performing Arts  
New York, New York

Greetings:


On behalf of the City of New York, I salute the genius of conductor-composers Leonard Bernstein and Morton Gould whose respective birthdays -- 70 for Lenny and 75 for Morton -- are being celebrated with the sounds of their glorious orchestral music...courtesy of the gifted Harmonie Ensemble and Lincoln Center Out-of-Doors and its producer, Jenneth Webster.

I am calling on seven and a half million New Yorkers to join me in a double-chorus of "Happy Birthday," because no titans of music are more "New York" than maestros Gould and Bernstein. Both have composed scores for hit Broadway shows. Although he was born in Lawrence, Massachusetts, Bernstein's classic musical "On The Town" evokes New York as no other with its timeless "New York, New York (it's a wonderful town)" and "Lonely Town." Morton, on the other hand, was born in nearby Richmond Hill, Long Island, studied right here at Juilliard (known then as the Institute of Musical Art) and, as a teenager, was staff pianist at Radio City Music Hall.

So, while America claims them for its own...we New Yorkers know that they really belong to us.

With best wishes to one and all for a wonderful evening of music in our wonderful town,

Sincerely,

  
Edward I. Koch  
Mayor