Muti honored by Rome's American Academy

Chicago Symphony Orchestra Music Director Riccardo Muti has been recognized with another international honor, this time from the venerable American Academy in Rome. Muti has been lauded for his "significant accomplishments and contributions to classical music" throughout a career spanning more than four decades, according to a statement from the academy. He will receive an award at a gala dinner May 28 at the academy's Villa Aurelia in Rome.

Muti will lead the CSO in four concerts in Italy from April 23-27, including a concert in Rome.

Other academy honorees this spring are artist William Kentridge and theater director Peter Sellars. They will receive their awards April 25 in New York.

The 118-year-old academy's mission is to foster the arts and humanities by bringing together emerging and established artists and scholars from a range of fields.

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