



DHL accompanies Leipzig Gewandhaus Orchestra to the Vatican

- **Guest performance to mark birthday of Pope Benedict XVI**
- **Transporting over 100 musical instruments to 20 European cities**

Bonn, April 17, 2012: DHL, the official logistics partner of the Gewandhaus Orchestra, is this year again transporting more than one hundred instruments for the Leipzig-based orchestra across Europe. The six tons of heavy freight include the complete equipment, ranging from music stands, stools and wardrobe to the conductor's baton. The Gewandhaus Orchestra, under its conductor Riccardo Chailly, will be giving its first symphonic guest performance of 2012 on April 20 in Vatican City to mark the birthday of Pope Benedict XVI. Afterwards, the world's leading logistics specialist will be accompanying the orchestra on its tour of 20 European cities during the rest of the year.

“We have focused our entire know-how on transportation of the Gewandhaus Orchestra's unique musical instruments. By using trucks with air suspension, special cases for temperature-sensitive items, constant temperature control in the cargo space and continual monitoring via ‘track and trace’, we ensure that these unique instruments reach the concert halls in Europe and America on time and of course undamaged,” explains Vincenzo Scudato, Managing Director of DHL Trade Fairs & Events, a Business Unit of DHL Freight.

The logistical planning of a concert tour on this scale can take up to eighteen months. A precise timetable is drawn up and must be strictly adhered to. DHL assigns two drivers to each transportation job and these drivers can be contacted at all times. To minimize the impact of external factors, the traffic and weather conditions are monitored continuously. If necessary, DHL also supplies aircraft for special deliveries.

“DHL provides us with exactly what we require: the transportation of our equipment with total safety, security and reliability. With the Bonn-based group at our side, we can concentrate 100% on our musical performances,” says Gewandhaus Director Professor Andreas Schulz.



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Tour schedule 2012/2013

20 April Vatican City, 7 May Amsterdam, 8 May Brussels, 9 May Luxembourg, 10 May Hamburg, 12 May Essen, 13 May Cologne, 15 May Berlin, 18 May Budapest, 20 May Valladolid, 21-22 May Madrid, 23 May Barcelona, 25-26 August Helsinki, 28 August Vilnius, 30 August Salzburg, 1 -2 September London, 5 September Grafenegg, 11 September Lucerne, 22 October Paris, 24 October Dublin, 25 October Birmingham

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