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## Composer Philip Rothman to Speak at Downtown Library, Nov. 17

Buffalo Native here for Buffalo Philharmonic Concert featuring his composition "Arc of Visibility"

Composer Philip Rothman, whose 2009 orchestral work "Arc of Visibility" will be featured on the Buffalo Philharmonic Orchestra's program of all-American music later this month will present a lunchtime talk on his work at the **Buffalo & Erie County Public Library**, 1 Lafayette Square, on **Wednesday, November 17 at 12 Noon**.

This program is free and open to the public, presented as part of the Library's ongoing collaboration with the Buffalo Philharmonic Orchestra throughout 2010, in celebration of the Orchestra's 75<sup>th</sup> year.

Rothman, born in Buffalo and raised in WNY, is a Juilliard School graduate whose compositions have been performed by the Utah Symphony, Indianapolis Symphony, North Carolina Symphony, the United States Military Academy Band, and many other ensembles. His music has been heard at Carnegie Hall and the Lincoln Center, on the radio through the NPR program "Performance Today," and in the McGraw Hill Companies' Young Artists Showcase. He has been awarded four ASCAP Foundation Morton Gould Young Composer Awards, a Meet the Composer Fund grant, and the Brian M. Israel Prize, among other honors. His recent work includes orchestrations for major feature films including *The Nanny Diaries, Hollywoodland, Taking Chance*, and the PBS miniseries *Faces of America*.

In addition to speaking at the Library, Rothman will be visiting high schools in Williamsville and Lancaster to talk about career paths for creative professionals, and will meet with student composers at the University at Buffalo Music Department, and UB's Symphony Orchestra. These residency visits are funded in part by "Meet the Composer" of MetLife's Creative Connections program. His BPO concerts are November 19 and 20 at Kleinhans Music Hall.

For further information on Buffalo & Erie County Public Library activities, visit: <a href="www.buffalolib.org">www.buffalolib.org</a>. Ticket information on the Buffalo Philharmonic Orchestra's November 19-20 concerts is available at 716-885-5000 or www.bpo.org.