

### **Murry Sidlin, creator and conductor**

Murry Sidlin, a conductor with a unique gift for engaging audiences, continues a diverse and distinctive musical career. He is the president and creative director of The Defiant Requiem Foundation, an organization that sponsors live concert performances of *Defiant Requiem: Verdi at Terezín* and *Hours of Freedom: The Story of the Terezín Composer*; as well as other projects including the documentary film, *Defiant Requiem*; the new docudrama *Mass Appeal, 1943*; and The Rafael Schächter Institute for Arts and Humanities at Terezín. In addition, he lectures extensively on the arts and humanities as practiced by the prisoners in the Theresienstadt (Terezín) Concentration Camp. In September of 2011, the Archbishop of Prague presented him with the medal of St. Agnes of Bohemia for his dedication to illuminating the legacy of Terezín and, on June 11, 2013, he received the Simon Wiesenthal Center's Medal of Valor for his extraordinary efforts to keep alive the memory of Rafael Schächter.