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Re: Music Director Riccardo Muti
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Chicago Symphony Orchestra Music Director Riccardo Muti underwent successful surgery this morning at Northwestern Memorial Hospital to repair facial fractures sustained during a fall last week.

Alexis B. Olsson, DDS, Chief and Associate Clinical Professor of Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery at Northwestern Memorial Hospital and Northwestern University's Feinberg School of Medicine, performed the surgery. "During surgery, screws and plates were placed to facilitate healing of the facial fractures. The upper and lower jaw have also been temporarily fixated using wires to stabilize the lower jaw during healing," said Dr. Olsson.

"The surgery went extremely well and I'm pleased with the outcome; I anticipate that Maestro Muti will make a full recovery."

"We would like to thank the doctors and staff of Northwestern Memorial Hospital for the care that they have provided to Maestro Muti," added Deborah Rutter, president of the Chicago Symphony Orchestra Association. "We would also like to thank the many individuals from Chicago and around the world that have expressed their well wishes for the Maestro. I can tell you that this tremendous outpouring has touched him deeply."

Maestro Muti is currently recovering at Northwestern Memorial and continues to undergo testing to determine the cause of his fainting.

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