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"[Schuller is] an extremely knowledgeable, versatile, and thought-provoking figure on the American musical scene". -- Choice

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