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ATLANTA SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA ANNOUNCES NEW CONDUCTOR

ATLANTA – The Atlanta Symphony Orchestra (ASO) welcomes William R. Langley as Interim Associate Conductor and Conductor of the ASYO for the 2023-24 season.

He will be leading the orchestra at the patriotic Look Up Atlanta concert on July 1 with fireworks.

William R. Langley is also the Founding Music Director of the Memphis Repertory Orchestra (MRO). After starting his career as an orchestral conductor at age sixteen, he went on to found the Wolf River Chamber Orchestra 2009, followed by the MRO in 2011. Langley also serves as conductor of the Blueshift Ensemble, a contemporary music ensemble dedicated to programming and promoting new and existing chamber works while incorporating multi-genre collaborations.

An avid performer, the young Maestro has appeared as guest conductor with the Cincinnati Symphony Orchestra, Memphis Symphony Orchestra, Starling Chamber Orchestra, Blueshift Ensemble, Concert:Nova, and All of the Above Ensemble. [learn more]

About the Atlanta Symphony Orchestra

Under the leadership of Music Director Nathalie Stutzmann, the Atlanta Symphony Orchestra (ASO) offers live performances, media initiatives, and learning programs that unite, educate and enrich our community through the engaging and transformative power of orchestral music experiences. The ASO engages the diverse international community of our city, bringing people together in harmony— including our youngest citizens, with extensive opportunities for youth and families to fall in love with music. Two of the hallmark education programs celebrate anniversaries this season: the Atlanta Symphony Youth Orchestra celebrates 50 years and the Talent Development Program turns 30.

The Orchestra's range and depth are featured in more than 150 concerts each year, including the flagship Delta Classical Series, Movies in Concert, Family Concerts, Coca-Cola Holiday series, and many community and education concerts. In addition, the ASO presents many vibrant, wide-ranging events and artists through its Delta Atlanta Symphony Hall Live presentations. The ASO also performs with the ASO Chorus, originally founded by Robert Shaw, and currently under the direction of Norman Mackenzie. The Chorus is featured on nine of the ASO's 27 Grammy[®] Award-winning recordings.