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**ATLANTA SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA ANNOUNCES NEW MUSICIANS  
FOR THE 2025-2026 SEASON**

**ATLANTA** – The Atlanta Symphony Orchestra (ASO) has welcomed five new musicians to the orchestra's ranks for the 2025-26 season that begins this week.

The musicians joining the ASO for the 81<sup>st</sup> season this September are:

- William Dunlop, Oboe
- Reese Farnell, Horn
- Scott Sanders, Horn
- Kelly Kanai, First Violin
- Jin Wook Suk, First Violin
- Julia Su, Second Violin

"We are delighted to welcome these stellar musicians to the Atlanta Symphony Orchestra. Our orchestra is comprised of world-class musicians who have chosen to call Atlanta home," said Executive Director Jenifer Barlament.

**About the New Musicians:** [Artists](#) | [Atlanta Symphony Orchestra \(aso.org\)](#)

William Dunlop, Oboe

William Dunlop is the newly appointed Second Oboist of the Atlanta Symphony Orchestra. He has performed with the New York Philharmonic, Metropolitan Opera, Grand Teton Music Festival, Tanglewood Music Center, Round Top Festival Institute, Taipei Music Academy and Festival, and at the Shostakovich Festival Leipzig. William has also served as principal oboe of the New York String Orchestra Seminar.

Mr. Dunlop received his bachelor's degree at The Juilliard School, studying with Elaine Douvas, with additional instruction from Nathan Hughes, Linda Strommen, and Scott Hostetler. Mr. Dunlop is a graduate of the Juilliard Pre-College Division, receiving training from Robert Sheena, Yousun Chung, and Terry Keevil.

Reese Farnell, Horn

Reese Farnell joins the Atlanta Symphony Orchestra as Third Horn, following his appointment with the Dallas Symphony. Mr. Farnell has performed with Fort Worth Symphony Orchestra, Sichuan Symphony, Symphony S.O.N.G. in Seoul, Korea, Dallas Opera, Dallas Chamber Symphony, and onstage with Yo-Yo Ma and Andrea Bocelli among others. Since 2023, he has spent summers with the Music in the Mountains festival orchestra in Durango, Colorado.

Reese holds a Bachelor of Music from the University of Texas, where he studied with Patrick Hughes, and a Master of Music and Master of Musical Arts from Yale University, where he studied with William Purvis.

#### Scott Sanders, Horn

Prior to his appointment as Fourth Horn in Atlanta, Scott Sanders held positions with the Milwaukee Symphony Orchestra and the Sarasota Orchestra. He has performed with the Dallas Symphony, the Pittsburgh Symphony, the Naples Philharmonic, and the Grand Teton Music Festival Orchestra.

A graduate from Northwestern University, Mr. Sanders studied with Gail Williams and Jon Boen. During this time, he was a member of the Civic Orchestra of Chicago and spent summers at the Tanglewood Music Center and the Aspen Music Festival and School. An established chamber musician, Mr. Sanders has performed with Artist Series Concerts of Sarasota and ensembleNEWSRQ.

#### Kelly Kanai, First Violin

Born in Osaka, Japan, Kelly Kanai began studying the violin at the age of seven. She made her debut five years later, performing Vivaldi's "Winter" from *The Four Seasons* with the Oregon Symphony. She has since appeared as soloist with the Seattle Symphony, Sendai Philharmonic, Vancouver Symphony, and Montgomery Symphony, among others.

Praised for her expressive playing and commanding stage presence, Kanai is a laureate and finalist of the Cooper International Competition, Stulberg, Johansen, and Crain-Maling Foundation competitions, and has been invited to perform in Paris, Sendai, and London as part of the Jacques Thibaud, Sendai, and Menuhin International Violin Competitions.

#### Jin Wook Suk, First Violin

Violinist Jin Wook Suk joins the Atlanta Symphony Orchestra as First Violin. A native of South Korea, Mr. Suk studied at the Royal Academy of Music in London and earned his Master of Music degree from Rice University. He has performed with the London Symphony Orchestra, Minnesota Orchestra, Atlanta Symphony Orchestra, and Houston Symphony. Jin Wook has also appeared as a soloist and chamber musician across the U.S., U.K., and Asia.

#### Julia Su, Second Violin

Julia Su joins the ASO as Second Violin. Ms. Su earned both her Bachelor's and Master of Music degrees from the Shepherd School of Music at Rice University.

Ms. Su has appeared as a soloist with the Atlanta Symphony Orchestra, the DeKalb Symphony Orchestra and Atlanta Symphony Youth Orchestra. As an Atlanta-native, Ms. Su served as concertmaster of the Atlanta Symphony Youth Orchestra from 2017-2019 and was also the

recipient of the 2020 Mark Zinger Memorial Foundation Scholarship and 2021 Oscar Valentin Violin Award.

### **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 experience the power of live orchestra music.

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 regularly 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.

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