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**THE ATLANTA SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA WILL REQUIRE AUDIENCE MEMBERS TO BE FULLY VACCINATED AGAINST COVID-19 BEFORE ATTENDING PERFORMANCES**

**ATLANTA** — The Atlanta Symphony Orchestra has announced that all audience members must be fully vaccinated against COVID-19 to attend upcoming performances. The new policy will go into effect for performances beginning **September 1, 2021**. Patrons will be asked to show proof of vaccination upon arrival, and guests who are unvaccinated must provide a negative COVID-19 test taken 72 hours prior to the performance, as well as a matching photo ID (guests younger than 18 will not be required to show an ID), such as a driver's license or passport. This policy will be instated for all performances in Atlanta Symphony Hall. Single tickets for the Atlanta Symphony Orchestra's 77<sup>th</sup> classical season go on sale **Monday, August 23 at noon**. Visit [aso.org](http://aso.org).

The vaccination requirement for patrons was decided after careful consideration and consultation with local health experts and the CDC to keep audiences, musicians and staff safe. Vaccinations will also be required for staff, patron-facing volunteers, musicians, chorus members and guest artists. In addition to the vaccination requirement, the Atlanta Symphony Orchestra will require all patrons to wear face masks, unless eating or drinking in designated areas. The Atlanta Symphony Orchestra has implemented contactless ticket scanning and the entire Woodruff Arts Center campus has been equipped with new HVAC ionization systems.

"The safety of our patrons, artists and staff is the Atlanta Symphony Orchestra's top priority. We cannot wait to return to live performances and welcome audiences back to Symphony Hall," said Jennifer Barlament, Executive Director of the Atlanta Symphony Orchestra. "The vaccination requirement is intended to give our patrons additional confidence to join us, knowing that we're doing everything we can to create the safest environment to once again enjoy live musical performances."

The Atlanta Symphony Orchestra will continue to closely monitor local, state, and federal policies regarding indoor activities and plan safety protocols accordingly. In order to allow

patrons time to adhere to the new vaccination protocols, the ASO will not require proof of vaccination, or a negative COVID-19 test for performances prior to September 1, 2021. Specific health and safety protocols are subject to change and will be clearly communicated to ticket holders in advance of their visit.

For details on the Atlanta Symphony Orchestra's new vaccination requirement, please visit: <https://www.aso.org/health-safety>

### **About the Atlanta Symphony Orchestra**

Celebrating its 77th season, the Atlanta Symphony Orchestra continues to affirm its position as one of America's leading orchestras with excellent live performances, renowned guest artists and engaging education initiatives. As a cornerstone for artistic development in the Southeast, the Atlanta Symphony Orchestra performs a full schedule of more than 150 concerts, including educational and community concerts, each year for a combined audience of more than a quarter-million people.

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