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ATLANTA SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA CELEBRATES THE 2026 HOLIDAY SEASON

**Atlanta Symphony Hall Presents Holiday Concerts for Every Music Fan—
Classical, Broadway, Film Scores and more!**

ATLANTA – The GRAMMY® Award-winning Atlanta Symphony Orchestra performs in holiday concerts for the entire family with cherished Coca-Cola Holiday Concerts, *Elf* in Concert (part of the Movies in Concert series, presented by Invesco), family concerts featuring holiday orchestra favorites (*Winter Wonderland*), and concerts with celebrated musicians such as Celtic Woman and Leslie Odom, Jr. on Symphony Hall stage.

The Coca-Cola Holiday Concerts are presented by The Coca-Cola Company. Holiday concerts are made possible through an endowment from the Livingston Foundation in memory of Leslie Livingston Kellar. The Movies in Concert series with the Atlanta Symphony Orchestra is presented by Invesco.

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CALENDAR LISTING

***Elf* in Concert with the ASO**

Saturday, November 28, 2026, 7:30pm

Sunday, November 29, 2026, 3pm

Jacob Joyce, conductor

Atlanta Symphony Orchestra

Nobody spreads Christmas cheer quite like Buddy the Elf! This holiday season, CineConcerts and Warner Bros. Discovery Global Experiences announce another once-in-a-lifetime concert event: *Elf* in Concert, bringing the timeless holiday classic to Atlanta Symphony Hall. It will feature the Atlanta Symphony Orchestra performing every note from John Debney's (*The Passion of the Christ*, *Iron Man 2*, *The Jungle Book*, *Hocus*

Pocus) heartwarming score while the entire film is projected on a 40-foot HD screen. Directed by Jon Favreau (*The Lion King, The Mandalorian, Rudy, Iron Man, Iron Man 2*) and starring Will Ferrell the film is considered by many to be one of the best holiday movies of all time.

John Debney, composer and conductor explains, "I'm so thrilled to be working with Warner Bros. Themed Entertainment and CineConcerts on the upcoming *Elf* in Concert. Writing the score was a true highlight of my career. Seeing the joy that the music and film brings to audiences each year is truly wonderful. *Elf* has really become a modern classic and bringing this into concert halls worldwide is an absolute honor. I very much look forward to presenting this unforgettable concert experience to live audiences worldwide!"

In *Elf*, Buddy was accidentally transported to the North Pole as a toddler and raised to adulthood among Santa's elves. Unable to shake the feeling that he doesn't fit in, the adult Buddy travels to New York, in full elf uniform, in search of his real father.

Family Concert: *Winter Wonderland*

Sunday, December 6, 2026, 1:30pm & 3pm

William R. Langley, conductor

Atlanta Symphony Orchestra

DELVYN CASE: *Rocket Sleigh*

JOHNNY MARKS: *Rudolph the Red-Nosed Reindeer*

FARRENC: Excerpt from Symphony No. 3

ANDERSON: *Sleigh Ride*

ALAN SILVESTRI: Concert Suite from *The Polar Express*

TCHAIKOVSKY: Selections from *The Nutcracker*

ARR.JAMES STEPHENSON: *A Holly and Jolly Sing-Along!*

It's the merriest time of year in Symphony Hall at our Winter Wonderland Family Concert. Your Orchestra invites actors and dancers on a festive mission to deck the halls and spread holiday cheer with your favorite carols, selections from *The Nutcracker*, a special sing-along and more. Aimed at children 12 and under and their families.

A *Charlie Brown Christmas* Live On Stage!

Wednesday, December 9, 2026, 7:00pm

Everyone's favorite holiday classic comes to life in the touring production A Charlie Brown Christmas: Live on Stage! Join Charlie Brown, Snoopy, Lucy, Linus, and the whole Peanuts gang as they produce their own Christmas play and ultimately learn the true meaning of the season. A Charlie Brown Christmas: Live on Stage is a present the whole family can enjoy!

Adapted from Charles M. Schulz's timeless story of the spirit of Christmas, A Charlie Brown Christmas: Live on Stage features the unforgettable music of Vince Guaraldi. There's no better way to discover the magic of the season! *Please note, there is not an orchestral component to this event.*

Christmas with the ASO

Thursday, December 10, 2026, 8pm

Saturday, December 12, 2026, 3pm

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Sunday, December 13, 2026, 3pm

Norman Mackenzie, conductor

Atlanta Symphony Orchestra

Atlanta Symphony Orchestra Chorus

Morehouse College Glee Club, David Morrow, conductor

Spivey Hall Children's Choir, Craig Hurley, director

Celebrate the magic of the holidays with the Atlanta Symphony Orchestra and Chorus in a cherished seasonal tradition! Join in as beloved carols, hymns, and festive favorites fill the hall, and sing along to your favorite Christmas songs. Featuring the voices of the Morehouse College Glee Club, Spivey Hall Children's Choir and the ASO Chorus, this program tells the Christmas story in a way that your family can return to year after year, creating memories that sparkle long after the final note.

Handel's Messiah

Thursday, December 17, 2026, 8pm

Norman Mackenzie, conductor

Atlanta Symphony Orchestra

Atlanta Symphony Orchestra Chamber Chorus

BACH: Cantata No. 140

HANDEL: *Messiah* (part I)

A favorite Atlanta Christmas tradition returns! Gather friends and family for Old-World holiday fun as the acclaimed Atlanta Symphony Orchestra Chamber Chorus sings Part 1 of Handel's roof-raising *Messiah*. Add the rousing "Hallelujah" Chorus to your holiday celebration, along with J.S. Bach's achingly beautiful cantata, "Sheep May Safely Graze."

Celtic Woman with the ASO

Silver Bells Christmas Tour 2026

Saturday, December 19, 2026, 8pm

Sunday, December 20, 2026, 3pm

Lloyd Butler, conductor
Atlanta Symphony Orchestra

Celebrate Christmas with the celestial voices of Grammy-nominated international sensation Celtic Woman as they perform beloved holiday classics, inspiring Irish melodies, and fan favorite songs accompanied by the thrilling sound of a live full symphony orchestra. This enchanting concert event blends the group's renowned harmonies with breathtaking orchestral arrangements in an intimate holiday setting. The show features timeless Christmas favorites including Silver Bells, O Holy Night, Carol of the Bells, Joy to the World, and more – alongside Celtic Woman classics and traditional Irish tunes beautifully reimagined with a festive symphonic twist. 'This performance will enthrall audiences of all ages' - *The Washington Post*

For over two decades, Celtic Woman has captivated millions worldwide with their powerful performances, earning multiple Billboard number-ones and billions of global streams. The Silver Bells Christmas Tour 2026 continues their cherished holiday tradition across the US.

Leslie Odom, Jr.

The Christmas Tour

Monday, December 21, 2026, 7:30pm

Tuesday, December 22, 2026, 7:30pm

Experience the Magic of the Season with Leslie Odom, Jr.

Tony and GRAMMY® Award-winning artist Leslie Odom, Jr. returns for his 2026 Christmas Tour, following last year's completely sold-out run. Celebrate the most wonderful time of the year with a dazzling evening of music, warmth, and joy. This festive concert features beloved holiday classics, heartfelt originals from his acclaimed Christmas albums, and special performances of songs from *Hamilton*, the Broadway phenomenon that earned Odom a Tony for his iconic role as Aaron Burr. With his signature charm, stunning vocals, and a message of peace and unity, Leslie Odom Jr. brings the spirit of the season to life in a show that's equal parts soulful, uplifting, and unforgettable. Join us for a night of music that captures the wonder of the holidays and leaves hearts aglow.

Sounds of the Season

Wednesday, December 23, 2026, 7pm

Atlanta Symphony Hall

Finan Jones, conductor

Atlanta Symphony Orchestra

Celebrate the season with a festive journey around the world as your orchestra brings to life music filled with warmth, wonder, and holiday magic. Perfect for all ages, this joyful program offers beloved classics and invites you to sing along to your favorite carols and

songs. Expect sparkling melodies, timeless traditions, and a concert experience that captures the heart of the holidays—one your family can add to your holiday traditions.

The Four Seasons

Thursday, January 7, 2027, 8pm

Sunday, January 10, 2027, 3pm

David Coucheron, director and violin

Atlanta Symphony Orchestra

J.S. BACH: Brandenburg Concerto No. 3 in G major, BWV 1048

GRIEG: *In Holberg's Time*

VIVALDI: *The Four Seasons*

Experience the vivid colors and changing moods of Vivaldi's *The Four Seasons* brought to life by the Atlanta Symphony Orchestra's Concertmaster David Coucheron. In this beloved set of concertos, nature takes center stage—from the bright energy of spring and the shimmering heat of summer to the rustic dances of autumn and the icy stillness of winter. Coucheron's expressive artistry and virtuosity illuminate every detail, capturing birdsong, storms, and pastoral scenes with striking clarity and charm. Each movement unfolds like a musical painting, rich with color, contrast, and storytelling. Both exhilarating and intimate, this performance invites you to hear familiar music anew.

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 just celebrated anniversaries: the Atlanta Youth Symphony Orchestra celebrated 50 years, and the Talent Development Program turned 30.

The Orchestra's range and depth are featured in more than 150 concerts each year, including the flagship Delta Classical Series, Invesco Movies in Concert series, 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.

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