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ATLANTA SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA CELEBRATES THE 2025 HOLIDAY SEASON
Televised Holiday Special Airst on WXIA + WATL

ATLANTA— The Grammy Award-winning Atlanta Symphony Orchestra presents a televised holiday special airing on WXIA and WATL beginning December 6 and running through December 28. This year's show features the orchestra and their powerhouse chorus performing Handel's *Messiah*, featuring the joyful "Hallelujah Chorus," along with a selection of traditional Christmas carols, and "Winter" from Vivaldi's ever-popular *The Four Seasons*.

The exact air dates are:

WXIA

Sat, 12/6, 7-8P

Thu, 12/25, 12-1P

Sun, 12/28, 11A-12P

WATL

Sat, 12/13, 6-7P

Thu, 12/25, 3-4P

The broadcast is conducted by Norman MacKenzie, who recently celebrated 25 years as the Director of Chorus at the ASO. For decades, Norman has shaped the sound of *Messiah*, which traces the musical journey through the prophecy and anticipation of Christ's miraculous birth. It was written nearly three centuries ago and remains one of the most performed and popular holiday traditions today.

The Atlanta Symphony Orchestra Chorus shines when it joins the orchestra to sing traditional carols such as "The First Nowell" and selections from Benjamin Britten's *A Ceremony of Carols*. Every selection in the televised special is drawn from the ASO's annual performances of *Christmas with the ASO*, *The Messiah* and *The Four Seasons*.

More information on the Atlanta Symphony Orchestra holiday concerts is available at aso.org/holidays. This broadcast is supported by Ingles Markets.

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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