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THE ATLANTA SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA'S DAY OF THE DEAD FESTIVAL RETURNS WITH FREE COMMUNITY CELEBRATION ON SUNDAY, OCT. 29

ATLANTA – The Atlanta Symphony Orchestra (ASO) will host its second-annual, free *Día de los Muertos* Festival on Sunday, October 29, from noon to 5:00pm at The Woodruff Arts Center.

The family-friendly festival is open to the public and will include live music, mariachi performance, Ballet Folklórico, stilt walkers, face painting, altar exhibition, traditional Mexican games and representation from various Latin American community organizations. There will also be themed food trucks with traditional food and drinks available for purchase. All festival activities will take place either outside on Callaway Plaza or inside the lobby of the Memorial Arts Building.

The festival surrounds the Atlanta Symphony Orchestra's *Día de los Muertos* concert, the first of three concerts of the Family Concert series. This vibrant "Day of the Dead" musical program celebrates Mexican heritage with dancing skeletons and a loving celebration of life through music that all ages will enjoy!

While admission to the festival is free, tickets are required for both performances. The *Día de Muertos* concert will be performed by the ASO in Atlanta Symphony Hall at 1:30pm and 3:00pm on Sunday. Tickets start at \$15 and can be purchased at aso.org/family and ticketmaster.com.

Dia de los Muertos Festival

Woodruff Arts Center Callaway Plaza and inside the Memorial Arts Building 1280 Peachtree St. NE, Atlanta GA 30309 Sun., Oct. 29, 12:00 pm – 5:00 pm

Dia de los Muertos Family Series Concerts

Woodruff Arts Center Atlanta Symphony Hall Sun., Oct. 29, 1:30 and 3:00 pm

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 hallmark education programs celebrate anniversaries this season: the Atlanta Youth Symphony 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[®] Awardwinning recordings.

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