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THE ATLANTA SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA'S FAMILY CONCERT SERIES RETURNS WITH THREE NEW PROGRAMS BRINGING TOGETHER STORYTELLING AND MUSIC

Tickets go on sale August 8 for 3 Sunday afternoons, combining ASO concerts with family friendly activities

ATLANTA – The Atlanta Symphony Orchestra's popular Family Concert Series returns with three imaginative programs created for kids under 12 and their families. Concerts in Symphony Hall with the full orchestra feature actors and dancers as they journey to Hogwarts this Halloween (10/26), wintry wonderlands in December (12/7), and follow a young girl's journey to center stage in Mo Willems' *Because* in March (3/22).

The Family Concert Series transforms the sound of the symphony into kid-sized, 45-minute performances —perfect for sparking a love of orchestral music and creating a fun Sunday afternoon for the whole family. Free pre-concert activities are offered before each concert, such as an instrument petting zoo, arts and crafts, lobby performances, and themed photo booths

The fun begins on October 26 with *Halloween at Hogwarts*, as the wizarding world comes to Symphony Hall with spooky favorites and selections from the *Harry Potter* movie series. It continues with *Deck the Halls* in December in a concert of wintry cheer. In March, the final Family Concert invites audiences to the world of Mo Willems, creator of popular children's books *Elephant & Piggie* and *Don't Let the Pigeon Drive the Bus!*, in a production of the book *Because*, which traces one young musician's path to the stage.

Tickets for the ASO's Family Concert Series go on sale to the general public on Friday, August 8. Attendees can subscribe to all three Family Concert Series and save versus purchasing single tickets.

Programming for the Goizueta Stage for Youth and Families will be announced in October.

The Family Concert Series is made possible by the generous support of the Lettie Pate Evans Foundation.

CALENDAR LISTING

Halloween at Hogwarts + ASO

Sunday, October 26, 2025, 1:30 & 3:00pm

William R. Langley, conductor
Atlanta Symphony Orchestra

Get ready for an enchanting concert as the Atlanta Symphony Orchestra brings the wizarding world to Symphony Hall. Your little wizard, witch or muggle will be bewitched by classic Halloween tunes along with music from the *Harry Potter* movies.

Deck the Halls

Sunday, December 7, 2025, 1:30 & 3:00pm
William R. Langley, conductor
Atlanta Symphony Orchestra

'Tis the season to be jolly when your Orchestra performs a concert filled with classical cheer celebrating holiday traditions. Bring the entire family to sing along to your favorite holiday songs, while learning about the different families of instruments in the orchestra.

Mo Willems' *Because*

Sunday, March 22, 1:30 & 3:00pm
William R. Langley, conductor
Atlanta Symphony Orchestra

Your orchestra brings to life Willems' storybook *Because*—a powerful tale of how discovery and persistence led a girl on a path to center stage. Let your child be inspired by the music and storytelling at this concert featuring a new score and onstage projections of the book's magical illustrations.

About William R. Langley

William R. Langley, Resident Conductor of the Atlanta Symphony Orchestra and Music Director of the Atlanta Symphony Youth Orchestra, began his orchestral conducting career at the age of 16. In 2009, he founded the Wolf River Chamber Orchestra, followed by the Memphis Repertory Orchestra in 2011.

An avid performer, Maestro Langley has guest conducted with the Cincinnati Symphony Orchestra, Memphis Symphony Orchestra, Starling Chamber Orchestra, Blueshift Ensemble, Concert: Nova, and All of the Above Ensemble. In demand as a cover conductor, Langley has frequently covered for the symphony orchestras of Atlanta, Baltimore, and Cincinnati, assisting renowned conductors such as Sir Donald Runnicles, Louis Langrée, Carlos Kalmar, Juanjo Mena, Jonathon Heyward, Ramón Tebar, Peter Oundjian, Nathalie Stutzmann, among others.

Langley holds a master's degree in Orchestral Conducting from the University of Cincinnati College-Conservatory of Music (CCM). He was awarded one of two prestigious Ansbacher Fellowships for Young Conductors by members of the Vienna Philharmonic Orchestra and the American Austrian Foundation, allowing him the opportunity to study at the 2019 Salzburger Festspiele in Austria.

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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