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TICKETS ON SALE NOW FOR HOLIDAY CONCERTS WITH THE ATLANTA SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA

Atlanta Symphony Orchestra Rings in Holiday Season with Beloved Traditions and Festive Favorites

ATLANTA – Tickets for four of the Atlanta Symphony Orchestra's holiday programs went on-sale today, including the perennially popular Handel's *Messiah* and Vivaldi's *Four Seasons*; and the Robert Shaw tradition going on for almost 40 years, *Christmas with the ASO*. The nine Coca-Cola Holiday Concerts are usually sold-out far in advance, so fans are encouraged to think about celebrating Christmas in July to reserve the best seats early for their family and friends.

Back by popular demand, *Sounds of the Season* returns this December with your Orchestra performing festive favorites like *Sleigh Ride* and Tchaikovsky's *The Nutcracker*. Audience members can sing along to their favorite carols and listen to holiday tunes from around the world with family and friends. Sleigh bells ring Dec. 23 when Symphony Hall transforms into a winter wonderland.

The Coca-Cola Holiday Concerts present *Christmas with the ASO*, one of the Orchestra's most cherished traditions led by Director of Choruses, Norman Mackenzie. This beloved holiday event features the Grammy Award-winning ASO Chorus and the renowned Morehouse College Glee Club in a program of classic carols, hymns, and inspirational anthems on Dec. 11, 13 and 14.

The holiday spirit continues with **Handel's** *Messiah*, featuring the Orchestra and ASO Chamber Chorus. Audiences will experience the power and beauty of Part I of this iconic oratorio—in addition to the resounding "Hallelujah Chorus"—in a moving concert on Dec. 18 and 19.

Finally, reset in the new year with Vivaldi's celebrated *The Four Seasons*, directed and performed by Concertmaster David Coucheron, Jan. 4 and 6. This perennial sell-out offers audiences the opportunity to experience the sonic landscape of each season in Symphony Hall and is paired with Mozart's fierce Symphony No. 25.

Tickets for the holiday concerts went on-sale to the public today at noon. For more information, visit <u>aso.org/holidays</u>.

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.

CALENDAR LISTING

Christmas with the ASO

Thursday, December 11, 2025, 8pm Saturday, December 13, 2025, 3pm Saturday, December 13, 2025, 8pm Sunday, December 14, 2025, 3pm Atlanta Symphony Hall Norman Mackenzie, director of choruses Atlanta Symphony Orchestra Atlanta Symphony Orchestra Chorus Morehouse College Glee Club, David Morrow, conductor Director of Choruses Norman Mackenzie leads the Atlanta Symphony Orchestra and Chorus in a program of holiday carols, hymns and more. This timeless tradition, begun by Robert Shaw, is sure to inspire holiday cheer.

Handel's Messiah

Thursday, December 18, 2025, 8pm Friday, December 19, 2025, 8pm Atlanta Symphony Hall Norman Mackenzie, conductor Atlanta Symphony Orchestra Atlanta Symphony Orchestra Chamber Chorus Gather family and friends for one of the season's best-loved, most joyful events. The world-famous Atlanta Symphony Orchestra and Chamber Chorus fill Symphony Hall with the powerful sounds of Handel's *Messiah* (Part 1). Atlanta Symphony Orchestra Chorus Director Norman Mackenzie takes center stage in this presentation of the Christmas portion of Handel's most enduring oratorio, culminating in the glorious "Hallelujah Chorus."

Sounds of the Season

Tuesday, December 23, 2025, 7pm Atlanta Symphony Hall Finan Jones, conductor

Atlanta Symphony Orchestra

Celebrate the spirit of the holidays from around the world with the Atlanta Symphony Orchestra in *Sounds of the Season*, back by popular demand. Bring in the holly with the whole family, featuring festive favorites *Sleigh Ride*, Tchaikovsky's *The Nutcracker* and works that evoke the mystery and wonder of this magical time of year.

The Four Seasons

Sunday, January 4, 2025, 3pm Tuesday, January 6, 2025, 8pm Atlanta Symphony Hall David Coucheron, director and violin Atlanta Symphony Orchestra Hear the irresistible music that made Antonio Vivaldi a household name. *The Four Seasons* captures the

elation of springtime and deep winter chill bundled in violinistic fireworks. The Atlanta Symphony Orchestra opens with the perfect pairing to Vivaldi, the fierce and driving Symphony No. 25 by the 17year-old Mozart. ASO Concertmaster David Coucheron headlines this special event.

More information and a full list of available concerts can be found at <u>aso.org/holidays</u>.

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.