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NEW CONCERTS FOR KIDS FEATURE ART FROM *I SPY* BOOK SERIES

Tickets go on sale this Friday for concerts held in partnership with the High Museum's Exhibition of Walter Wick's Art.

ATLANTA – The Atlanta Symphony Orchestra (ASO) kicks off a new season of the family-favorite Music for the Very Young Concert Series in September with a new program based on the popular children's book series ***I SPY!*** by Walter Wick. Families can make a complete day of their adventure to the Woodruff Arts Center by also taking in the exhibition of Walter Wick's artwork on display at the High Museum this Fall.

Tickets go on sale this Friday at noon for the ***I SPY!*** concerts beginning this September at the **new Goizueta Stage for Youth & Families**, featuring a string quartet of Atlanta Symphony Orchestra musicians.

The Music for the Very Young concert series is designed to introduce children ages 3-8 to classical music by bringing favorite stories to life through 40-minute interactive performances featuring musicians and actors. Other programs in this series will include **The Ant and the Grasshopper** and **The Story of Ferdinand**, beginning in early 2027 (details to be announced this Fall).

Pre-concert festivals accompany each performance, including craftmaking, the Instrument Exploration Station, where kids can discover their favorite instruments, and more. Families may also explore the new PNC PlaySpace, located next door to the Goizueta Stage for Youth & Families. Young visitors may enjoy playing in rotating installations, though advance reservations are encouraged as space is limited to allow for room to roam.

Tickets are available for purchase at aso.org.

Woodruff Arts Center Youth & Family programming is supported by The Goizueta Foundation.

CALENDAR LISTING

Music for the Very Young Concert: I SPY!

Saturday, September 19, 2026, 10 am + 11:15 am

Sunday, September 20, 2026, 1:30 pm + 3:00 pm

Monday, September 28, 2026, 10 am + 11:15 am

Friday, October 2, 2026, 10 am + 11:15 am

Monday, October 5, 2026, 10 am + 11:15 am

Saturday, October 10, 2026, 10 am + 11:15 am

Sunday, October 11, 2026, 1:30 pm + 3:00 pm

I spy with my little eye an adventure filled with classical music and storytelling, featuring a string quartet of Atlanta Symphony Orchestra musicians! The world of Walter Wick's *I SPY!* books comes to life as young children and their families help musicians and actors discover new sights and sounds from *I SPY!* artwork. Designed for kids ages 3-8.

In collaboration with the High Museum of Art—this concert complements their exhibition, “I SPY! Walter Wick’s Hidden Wonders”.

Coming Soon!

More Music for the Very Young Concerts

The Ant and the Grasshopper

Saturday, February 20-28, 2027

The Story of Ferdinand

Sunday, April 4-24, 2027

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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