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ATLANTA SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA HAS FULL SLATE OF CONCERTS AS NEW YEAR BEGINS

HIP-HOP ARTIST JEEZY TAKES STAGE WITH THE ASO FOR PERFORMANCE OF *LET'S GET IT: THUG MOTIVATION 101*

GUITAR LEGEND BOBBY WEIR PLAYS WITH ASO AND WOLF BROS FOR NIGHT OF GRATEFUL DEAD MUSIC

Other Guest Artists Include Tony Award-Winning Leslie Odom, Jr., Israeli Pianist Tom Borrow, and Kenny Wayne Shepherd Band as well as David Foster and Katharine McPhee

ATLANTA – The **Atlanta Symphony Orchestra** is looking forward to a full concert calendar in January 2023, including a collaboration with hip-hop artist and trap pioneer **Jeezy**. A prolific artist with more than a dozen gold, platinum, and multi-platinum albums, Jeezy will perform his ***Let's Get It: Thug Motivation 101*** album with the Atlanta Symphony Orchestra as part of a black-tie concert series, **Classically Ours**, on **Friday, January 27 at 8:00pm in Symphony Hall**. The event, produced by Next Level Events, is sold out.

Earlier in January, a dynamic duo takes Symphony Hall stage, as young Israeli pianist **Tom Borrow** plays **Beethoven's Piano Concerto No. 4** with guest conductor **Kazem Abdullah**, **Thursday, January 12 at 8:00pm and Sunday, January 15 at 3:00pm**. The evening also includes works by Finnish composer Jean Sibelius, including his Symphony No. 7 and *Finlandia*. (Program change note: The Sibelius works represent a program change from the original program, which included Ives' Symphony No. 2.)

The ASO takes the entire program on the road as it travels to the **Kravis Center for the Performing Arts** in **West Palm Beach, FL**, on **Friday, January 13 at 8:00pm**.

Broadway superstar **Leslie Odom, Jr.** performs at Symphony Hall on **Saturday, January 14, at 8:00pm**. This Tony, Emmy, and Grammy® Award-winning artist performs songs from his three albums and wide-ranging career in theater, television, and movies. After making his Broadway debut at age 17 in *RENT*, Odom Jr. has gone on to other well-known roles such as Aaron Burr in *Hamilton* (for which he won a Tony and a Grammy® Award).

Classical pianist **Jonathan Biss** returns to Symphony Hall on **Thursday, January 19 and Saturday, January 21 at 8:00pm**, playing **Mozart's Piano Concerto No. 20** in a concert evening that transports audiences to Vienna. ASO **Principal Guest Conductor Donald Runnicles** conducts the performance which includes Bruckner's Eighth Symphony.

Comedian, actor and writer **Shane Gillis** appears at Symphony Hall on **Friday, January 20 at 7:30pm** to a sold-out crowd. Gillis is a stand-up comic who is co-host of the podcast *Matt and Shane's Secret Podcast* and is a regular host of programs on SiriusXM Radio. In addition, Gillis' debut comedy special, *Shane Gillis: Live in Austin* has more than 6 million views on YouTube.

The month concludes with a piece familiar to ASO audiences, **Brahms' A German Requiem**, featuring the **Atlanta Symphony Orchestra Chorus** under the baton of Maestro Runnicles, **Thursday, January 26 and Saturday, January 28** at 8:00pm in Symphony Hall. The chorus has performed this piece to rave reviews at Carnegie Hall and with the Berlin Philharmonic, and it has become a signature piece of the Orchestra and Chorus. Soloists include soprano **Ying Fang** and baritone **Russell Braun**.

February opens with **Music Director Nathalie Stutzmann**, as she conducts the ASO in Prokofiev's *Sinfonia concertante*, featuring cellist **Edgar Moreau**, and **Shostakovich's Fifth, Symphony Thursday and Friday, February 2 and 3 at 8:00pm**. (Program soloist change: cellist Johannes Moser withdrew from the program, replaced by Edgar Moreau.)

The following weekend, Thursday and Saturday, February 9 and 11 at 8:00pm, guest conductor **Han-Na Chang** leads the Orchestra as violinist **Sayaka Shoji** plays Prokofiev's Violin Concerto No. 1. The classical concerts for the month conclude on Thursday and Friday, February 23 and 24, with virtuoso pianist **Conrad Tao** playing Ravel's Piano Concerto in G with guest conductor **Ryan Bancroft**. Also on the program is *Negro Folk Symphony* by Alabama native composer William Dawson, a piece inspired by and filled with melodies from American spirituals.

Symphony Hall LIVE has another full roster of concerts in February, beginning with **Kenny Wayne Shepherd Band** presenting the Trouble Is...25th Anniversary Tour with special guest Samantha Fish on Saturday, February 4 at 7:30pm. On Valentine's Day, February 14 at 8:00pm, folk-rock duo Drew and Ellie Holcomb present **An Evening with Drew and Ellie Holcomb: The Residency Tour**.

The rock shows continue with **three sold-out shows** from Grateful Dead founding member and guitar legend **Bobby Weir & Wolf Brothers, featuring The Wolfpack with the Atlanta Symphony Orchestra**. This unique blend of rock band and orchestra plays in Symphony Hall on February 17, 18, and 19 at 8:00pm. A limited number of tickets remain through Ticketmaster.

In between rock shows, Symphony Hall LIVE presents comedian **Sarah Silverman** on her latest tour Friday, February 10 at 8:00pm. This Emmy Award-winning comedian and actor is known for her insightful and bawdy humor.

And finally, 16-time Grammy® Award-winning musician and composer David Foster and his wife, Broadway star Katharine McPhee, present **An Intimate Evening with David Foster & Katharine McPhee**, featuring songs from Foster's long songwriting career and McPhee's biggest hits from TV and Broadway, Saturday, February 25 at 3:00pm and 8:00pm.

The Atlanta Symphony Orchestra is pleased to announce important **community partnerships** in the coming months. On February 11, the ASO welcomes the **Susan G. Komen Foundation** for a "Pink Night." On February 24, the ASO celebrates the Black Greek Letter Organizations of the National Pan-Hellenic Council (NPHC), collectively referred to as the **Divine Nine (D9)**. On March 4, the ASO hosts the **HBCU Alliance** to celebrate local and national Historically Black Colleges and Universities. Proceeds from ticket sales will benefit these important organizations and their missions.

About the Atlanta Symphony Orchestra

The Atlanta Symphony Orchestra (ASO) is in its 78th season with Nathalie Stutzmann as only the fifth Music Director in the history of the Orchestra, and the only woman to ever hold the position. Maestro Stutzmann will continue the ASO's mission of bringing new and exciting composers and guest artists to Atlanta.

The ASO is one of the leading orchestras in the United States, performing more than 150 concerts each year from the Delta Classical, Movies in Concert, Family Concert, and Coca-Cola Holiday series, as well as the Atlanta Symphony Hall LIVE concerts and many community and education concerts.

In addition, the ASO performs with the 200+ voice, all-volunteer ASO Chorus, originally founded in 1970 by Robert Shaw, and currently under the Direction of Norman Mackenzie. The chorus was featured on nine of the ASO's Grammy® Award-winning recordings.

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COMING UP IN SYMPHONY HALL

JANUARY

Thursday, January 12, 2023 8:00pm
Sunday, January 15, 2023 3:00pm
Kazem Abdullah, conductor
Tom Borrow, piano
Atlanta Symphony Orchestra
FARRENC: Overture No. 2 in E-flat Major
BEETHOVEN: Piano Concerto No. 4
SIBELIUS: *Finlandia*
SIBELIUS: *Valse triste*
SIBELIUS: Symphony No. 7

Saturday, January 14, 2023 8:00pm
Leslie Odom, Jr. – **LOW TICKET ALERT**
Symphony Hall LIVE

Thursday, January 19, 2023 8:00pm
Saturday, January 21, 2023 8:00pm
Sir Donald Runnicles, conductor
Jonathan Biss, piano
Atlanta Symphony Orchestra
MOZART: Piano Concerto No. 20
BRUCKNER: Symphony No. 8

Friday, January 20, 2023 7:30pm
Shane Gillis – **SOLD OUT**
Symphony Hall LIVE

Thursday, January 26, 2023 8:00pm
Saturday, January 28, 2023 8:00pm
Sir Donald Runnicles, conductor
Ying Fang, soprano
Russell Braun, baritone
Atlanta Symphony Orchestra Chorus
Atlanta Symphony Orchestra
ADOLPHUS HAILSTORK: *Epitaph for a Man Who Dreamed*
BRAHMS: *A German Requiem*

Friday, January 27, 2023 8:00pm
Classically Ours featuring Jeezy – **SOLD OUT**
With the Atlanta Symphony Orchestra
Derrick Hodge, conductor
Jeezy

Atlanta Symphony Orchestra
Symphony Hall LIVE with Next Level Events

FEBRUARY

Thursday, February 2, 2023 8:00pm
Friday, February 3, 2023 8:00pm
Nathalie Stutzmann, conductor
Edgar Moreau, cello
Atlanta Symphony Orchestra
PROKOFIEV: Sinfonia concertante
SHOSTAKOVICH: Symphony No. 5

Saturday, February 4, 2023 7:30pm
Kenny Wayne Shepherd Band
Trouble Is...25th Anniversary Tour with special guest Samantha Fish
Symphony Hall LIVE

Thursday, February 9, 2023 8:00pm
Saturday, February 11, 2023 8:00pm
Han-Na Chang, conductor
Sayaka Shoji, violin
Atlanta Symphony Orchestra
ANNA CLYNE: *This Midnight Hour*
PROKOFIEV: Violin Concerto No. 1
MUSSORGSKY/RAVEL: *Pictures at an Exhibition*

Friday, February 10, 2023 8:00pm
Sarah Silverman – **LOW TICKET ALERT**
Symphony Hall LIVE

Tuesday, February 14, 2023 8:00pm
An Evening with Drew and Ellie Holcomb
The Residency Tour
Symphony Hall LIVE

Friday, February 17, 2023 8:00pm
Saturday, February 18, 2023 8:00pm
Sunday, February 19, 8:00pm
Bobby Weir & Wolf Bros featuring The Wolfpack – **LOW TICKET ALERT**
With the Atlanta Symphony Orchestra

Thursday, February 23, 2023 8:00pm
Friday, February 24, 2023 8:00pm
Ryan Bancroft, conductor

Conrad Tao, pianist
Atlanta Symphony Orchestra
KODÁLY: *Háry János* Suite
RAVEL: Piano Concerto in G
DAWSON: *Negro Folk Symphony*

Saturday, February 25, 2023 3:00pm & 8:00pm
An Intimate Evening with David Foster & Katharine McPhee
Symphony Hall LIVE