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**THE ATLANTA SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA TO RETURN TO PIEDMONT PARK FOR  
FREE CONCERT FEATURING A LATIN CELEBRATION  
THURSDAY, JUNE 22, 2023, AT 7:30PM**

**PRESENTED BY DELTA AIR LINES AND THE CHARLES LORIDANS FOUNDATION, INC.  
With Support from The Mark and Evelyn Trammell Foundation, Inc.**

ATLANTA – The **Atlanta Symphony Orchestra** returns to **Piedmont Park** for its Concerts in the Park series on **Thursday, June 22, at 7:30 p.m.** with a free performance on Oak Hill.

ASO Resident Conductor and Music Director of the ASYO Jerry Hou conducts the evening's program, featuring a celebration of Latin music and composers from around the world, including De Falla's *The Three Cornered Hat*, Piazzolla's *Tangazo*, Gershwin's *Cuban Overture*, Bizet's *Carmen*, and more.

Attendees are encouraged to arrive early with their picnic dinners, as seating with a good view of the stage is first-come, first-served. There will also be a merchandise table with ASO branded gear for purchase, as well as food trucks with beverages to complete the picnic experience.

Pre-concert activities include a performance by the Community Brass Ensemble, led by ASO Principal Tuba Michael Moore, from 6:30 – 7:00 p.m. Family friendly activities will be hosted by the ASO Education and Community Engagement department.

"The Concerts in the Park series is one of the ASO's most treasured traditions, and we're excited to be back in Piedmont Park again this summer," said ASO Executive Director Jennifer Barlament. "ASO musicians and Atlantans alike revel in orchestra music filling Oak Hill. We love playing great music for people of all ages and cannot wait for people across the city to join us for a memorable evening."

Atlanta Symphony Orchestra Concerts in the Park are presented by Delta Air Lines and the Charles Loridans Foundation, Inc. Major support is provided by The Mark and Evelyn Trammell Foundation, Inc., City of Atlanta Mayor's Office of Cultural Affairs, Fulton County Arts and Culture, the Georgia Council for the Arts and the National Endowment for the Arts. Media support provided by Access Atlanta.

Admission is free to the public and tickets are not required. Additional details and full program information are available at [www.aso.org/piedmont](http://www.aso.org/piedmont). Highlights from the 2022 Piedmont Park performance are available [here](#).

### **Concert in the Park**

Piedmont Park, Oak Hill (371 10th St. NE)

Thursday, June 22, 7:30 p.m.

Jerry Hou, conductor

Atlanta Symphony Orchestra

Works to include:

BIZET: Carmen Suite No. 1: Aragonaise

GERSHWIN: Cuban Overture

GINASTERA: 4 Dances from Estancia

DE FALLA: Selections from The Three-Cornered Hat: Suite No. 1 & 2

PIAZZOLLA: Tangazo Porteñas

MONCAYO: Huapango

### **Important Concert Information**

- Seating with a direct view of the stage is not guaranteed. Patrons are encouraged to arrive early, as seating is on a first-come, first-served basis. Concert begins at 7:30 p.m.
- The performance will take place at Piedmont Park's Oak Hill, located in the southwest corner of the park.
- There is limited parking at the Atlanta Botanical Gardens Parking Facility, adjacent to Piedmont Park. Patrons are encouraged to carpool, ride MARTA to Arts Center Station or Midtown Station, walk or bike to the event.
- Patrons may bring outside food and beverages into the concert area; however, grills, glass containers and outside alcoholic beverages are not permitted.
- Beer, wine and food will be available for purchase on site.
- Pets are not permitted at this event. However, the Piedmont Park Dog Park will be open.
- In the case of inclement weather, check [aso.org](http://aso.org) and ASO social media channels for updates. There is no scheduled rain date.

### **About Jerry Hou**

Born in Taiwan and raised in a small town in Arkansas, Taiwanese-American conductor Jerry Hou had a late start in music. Beginning on trombone in middle school band, Hou went on to work professionally in American and European orchestras before his playing career was ended by injury. He returned to school to study conducting, and is now recognized for his dynamic presence, insightful interpretations, versatility and commanding technique on the podium. [\(more\)](#)

### **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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