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**THE ATLANTA SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA TALENT DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM TO PERFORM
ANNUAL MUSICALE CONCERT VIRTUALLY ON NOV. 22**

***Concert to Feature Performances from Program Fellows
and Special Guests The String Queens***

ATLANTA -- The Atlanta Symphony Orchestra (ASO) Talent Development Program (TDP) — a model program providing rigorous musical training for young African American and Latinx musicians preparing for careers in classical music — annual Musicale concert will move to Facebook and YouTube live on Nov. 22, 2020 at 7:30 p.m. TDP Fellows will take the stage of Symphony Hall for an evening of music featuring solo and chamber music performances and a special appearance by the 2020 Aspire Award Winners, [The String Queens](#).

Each year, the Aspire Award is given to a musician or ensemble selected by the ASO who represent the highest level of musical excellence and serves as a role model for TDP Fellows.

“The annual Talent Development Program Musicale concert is a beloved event for the ASO family,” said Jennifer Barlament, ASO Executive Director. “It is a privilege to be part of the musical development of these extraordinarily talented and dedicated students, and it’s thrilling to be able to share their artistry with audiences around the world through this virtual presentation. Additionally, to have the dynamic and accomplished 2020 Aspire Award winners, The String Queens, perform will take the experience to a new level. You don’t want to miss this celebration of some of classical music’s most exceptionally talented young musicians.”

Along with educators across the country, the staff and musicians of the Atlanta Symphony Orchestra have pivoted to create a combination of virtual and in-person learning experiences for this year’s class to ensure the health and safety of all involved, while continuing to fulfill its mission. In addition to masterclasses with ASO musicians, TDP Fellows will also join in masterclasses with other orchestras. Previously, the TDP collaborated with Cleveland Institute of Music and the New World Symphony.

View more information on the [ASO Facebook page](#) and aso.org.

About The String Queens

Praised for its “authentic, soulful, and orchestral sound”, The String Queens are a dynamic trio based in

Washington, DC. As full-time teachers and performers, they are dedicated to performing versatile programs that transport audiences through time and a multitude of musical genres. Members of The String Queens have been featured in famed performance venues across four continents including: Carnegie Hall, The John F. Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts, The Howard Theatre, Royal Festival Hall, Radio City Music Hall, Shanghai Grand Theatre, The Moscow Conservatory, Blues Alley and more. This Winter, they will debut their first holiday album, entitled "Our Favorite Things - The String Queens". Learn more about them at thestringqueens.com.

About the Talent Development Program

Since its inception 27 years ago, the TDP has served talented young musicians, and the entire field of classical music, by providing the highest level of musical training to hundreds of African American and Latinx students. Nearly 100 fellows have graduated from the program and gone on to attend top music schools, including The Juilliard School, Curtis Institute of Music, Manhattan School of Music, the Peabody Institute and more. This strong educational foundation has led many to careers in orchestras, teaching and performance. [More](#)

About the Atlanta Symphony Orchestra

The Atlanta Symphony Orchestra continues to affirm its position as one of America's leading orchestras with excellent live performances, renowned guest artist features and engaging education initiatives. As a cornerstone for artistic development in the Southeast, the Atlanta Symphony Orchestra performs a full schedule of more than 150 concerts, including educational and community concerts, each year for a combined audience of more than a quarter million people.

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