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2024/2025 ATLANTA SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA SEASON

Holiday Calendar Listing of Coca-Cola Holiday & Symphony Hall LIVE Concerts

ATLANTA – The GRAMMY[®] Award-winning Atlanta Symphony Orchestra's 2024-25 concert season continues with three Coca-Cola Holiday Concerts, five Symphony Hall LIVE holiday concerts and one sold-out performance by world renowned cellist Yo-Yo Ma. Full details are below and at aso.org.

The Jinkx & DeLa Holiday Show

with BenDeLaCreme and Jinkx Monsoon Monday, November 11, 8pm

You better watch out, you better not cry, because "The Queens of Christmas" (Entertainment Weekly) are coming back to ATLANTA with a brand new edition of the internationally acclaimed The Jinkx & DeLa Holiday Show!

Another holiday season brings another year of fabulous spectacle, whip-smart comedy, brand new songs, and annual favorites. Join the sugary DeLa and spicy Jinkx for an evening the New York Times says is "sure to lift your spirits and make you howl with laughter." **This show is for audiences 18+.**

Michael W. Smith's EVERY CHRISTMAS Tour

with special guest Riley Clemmons Sunday, November 17, 7pm

Multi-platinum, GRAMMY[®] winner Michael W. Smith is thrilled to announce his 2024 EVERY CHRISTMAS tour. Audiences will be engulfed in the joy and true meaning of the season as Smith and his award-winning very special guest, Riley Clemmons, perform his most popular Christmas classics.

The highly anticipated tour will showcase a range of selections from Smith's extensive Christmas repertoire, blending a vast collection of traditional classics and critically acclaimed holiday albums, including his latest holiday release *Every Christmas*.

Disney's Frozen in Concert

with the Atlanta Symphony Orchestra Saturday, November 30, 7pm Sunday, December 1, 3pm Susie Seiter, conductor

The Atlanta Symphony Orchestra will present Walt Disney Animation Studios' *Frozen* in Concert with composer Christophe Beck's GRAMMY[®]-nominated score performed live to the film.

Fearless optimist, Princess Anna, sets off on an epic journey – teaming up with rugged mountain man, Kristoff, and his loyal reindeer Sven – to find her sister Elsa, whose icy powers have trapped the kingdom of Arendelle in eternal winter. Encountering Everest-like conditions, mystical trolls, and a hilarious snowman named Olaf, Anna and Kristoff battle the elements in a race to save the kingdom. Voices include Kristen Bell (Anna), Jonathan Groff (Kristoff), Idina Menzel (Elsa), Josh Gad (Olaf), Santino Fontana (Hans), Alan Tudyk (Duke of Weselton). The film received the Academy[®] Award for Best Animated Feature.

Yo-Yo Ma + Atlanta Symphony Orchestra

Thursday, December 5, 8pm Eric Jacobsen, conductor Yo-Yo Ma, cello Atlanta Symphony Orchestra DVOŘÁK: *Slavonic Dance*, Op. 46, No. 8 CURTIS STEWART: "M. Bett" from *The Famous People* HAYDN: Cello Concerto No. 1 VILLA-LOBOS: *Bachianas Brasileiras* No. 5 DVOŘÁK: Symphony No. 8 ***SOLD OUT***

One of the great cultural icons of our time, superstar cellist Yo-Yo Ma performs Haydn's Cello Concerto No. 1 and the smoky, South American-groove aria *Bachianas Brasileiras* No. 5 by Villa-Lobos. Guest conductor Eric Jacobsen, a member of the famous Silkroad Ensemble, serves up a musical variety show, including an opener by the GRAMMY-nominated, genre-bending composer Curtis Stewart. Wrapping up the evening, the powerhouse Atlanta Symphony Orchestra goes all out in the thumping, folk-inspired Symphony No. 8 by Dvořák.

Christmas with the ASO

Thursday, December 12, 8pm Saturday, December 14, 3pm Saturday, December 14, 8pm Sunday, December 15, 3pm Norman Mackenzie, conductor Morehouse Glee Club Spivey Hall Children's Choir Atlanta Symphony Orchestra Chorus Atlanta Symphony Orchestra

Experience the magic of the holiday season with the Atlanta Symphony Orchestra and Chorus during this concert tradition that features beloved carols, hymns, and festive cheer. Sing along to your favorite Christmas songs and create cherished memories year after year at this program that features the voices of the Morehouse Glee Club and the Spivey Hall Children's Choir.

Leslie Odom, Jr., The Christmas Tour

Friday, December 13, 8pm

Leslie Odom, Jr. is a multifaceted Tony and Grammy Award-winning, three-time Emmy and two-time Academy Award-nominated vocalist, songwriter, actor, and New York Times bestselling author. With a career that spans all performance genres, Odom has received recognition for his excellence and achievements in Broadway, television, film, and music.

Most recently, Odom made his long-awaited return to Broadway starring in, and co-producing, the new Broadway production of the classic American comedy *Purlie Victorious: A Non-Confederate Romp Through the Cotton Patch* by the legendary Ossie Davis, which opened in September 2023 to widespread critical acclaim. Odom was nominated for Lead Actor in a Play for his role, and the play received six nominations in total. Purlie Victorious was also recorded and aired as part of PBS' Great Performances. Odom is a BMG recording artist and has released five full-length albums. His fifth studio album, "When A Crooner Dies," was released on November 17, 2023.

A Charlie Brown Christmas Live on Stage

Wednesday, December 18, 6pm

Peanuts' timeless holiday television special comes to life on stage with the national tour of *A Charlie Brown Christmas Live On Stage*. The critically acclaimed holiday celebration that the whole family can enjoy brings Charlie Brown, Snoopy, Lucy, Linus, and the rest of the Peanuts gang together live on stage as they uncover the true meaning of Christmas and perform songs from the unforgettable musical score in a tribute to the legendary composer Vince Guaraldi. The Broadway-style production complete with all-new immersive sets, lighting, choreography, and colorful costumes has sold more than 300,000 tickets over the prior holiday seasons. After the final bow, the show crescendos into a celebration of holiday music as the Peanuts gang sings traditional Christmas songs and carols. The show is 90 minutes including intermission.

Handel's Messiah

Thursday, December 19, 8pm Norman Mackenzie, conductor Adelaide Boedecker, soprano Rhianna Cockrell, mezzo-soprano Thomas Cooley, tenor Lawson Anderson, baritone Atlanta Symphony Orchestra Chamber Chorus Atlanta Symphony Orchestra HANDEL: *Messiah*, (Part 1)

First performed in 1742, Handel's oratorio Messiah (Part 1) heralds the joy and hope of the season that has delighted audiences for generations. World-class soloists and the internationally acclaimed Atlanta Symphony Orchestra and Chorus transport you to a world of grandeur and beauty with this glorious masterwork and its ever-popular "Hallelujah Chorus."

Celtic Woman: White Christmas Symphony

with the Atlanta Symphony Orchestra Saturday, December 21, 8pm Sunday, December 22, 3pm

Celtic Woman return with a brand-new holiday symphony show "White Christmas" with the Atlanta Symphony Orchestra. This is a rare opportunity to hear Grammy-nominated Celtic Woman's angelic harmonies with the thrilling live sound of a full symphony orchestra in an intimate concert setting.

"This performance will enthrall audiences of all ages" - The Washington Post

Coucheron + The Four Seasons

Friday, January 10, 8pm Sunday, January 12, 3pm David Coucheron, violin + director Atlanta Symphony Orchestra DVOŘÁK: Serenade for Wind Instruments VIVALDI: *The Four Seasons*

ASO Concertmaster David Coucheron leads the ASO in a special performance of Vivaldi's effervescent masterpiece, *The Four Seasons*. Antonio Vivaldi's classic set of four delightful violin concerti are his most popular compositions.

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 fall in love with music. Two hallmark education programs celebrated anniversaries this year: the Atlanta Youth Symphony Orchestra turned 50, and the Talent Development Program reached 30 years.

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 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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