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BÉLA FLECK RETURNS TO ATLANTA SYMPHONY HALL FOR SPECIAL PERFORMANCE WITH THE ASO THIS SUMMER

ATLANTA – Today, **Béla Fleck** announced a special June performance at **Atlanta Symphony Hall**. The new age, Grammy award-winning artist will hit the stage alongside the **Atlanta Symphony Orchestra** (**ASO**) for one night only on **Wednesday**, **June 11**, **2025**. This show will be conducted by Jeff Tyzik and is presented by Neranenah. Tickets go on sale at **10AM on Friday**, **March 7 at ticketmaster.com**. For **further information visit aso.org/live**.

About An Evening with Béla Fleck & the Atlanta Symphony Orchestra

For over four decades, Béla Fleck has redefined the possibilities of the banjo, earning 18 Grammy Awards across an astonishing range of genres, including Country, Pop, Jazz, Instrumental, Classical, and World Music. His newest project is no exception—both a bold departure and a loving tribute—expanding and exploring George Gershwin's *Rhapsody in Blue* in a way that honors the legendary composer while reimagining an American classic.

With its original premiere in 1924, *Rhapsody in Blue* is a landmark of American music, blending jazz and classical influences to create a sound that is both sophisticated and exhilarating. Gershwin's masterpiece has been interpreted by countless musicians, but never before on the banjo—until now. With his deep respect for tradition and fearless innovation, Fleck brings new textures and perspectives to the piece, proving once again that the banjo can thrive in any musical landscape. The album, released on February 12, 2024, marking the work's centennial, earned Fleck a Grammy nomination and debuted at Carnegie Hall with an orchestra in May. Now, the inspiring performance comes to Atlanta.

Widely regarded as the world's premier banjo player, who also happens to be a Jewish kid from the Upper Westside of Manhattan, Fleck has revolutionized the instrument's sound and image through an extraordinary performing and recording career. Whether leading the groundbreaking Béla Fleck and The Flecktones, composing banjo concertos for full symphony orchestras, or tracing the instrument's African roots in the award-winning documentary *Throw Down Your Heart*, Fleck's musical journey knows no boundaries. As The New York Times' Jon Pareles put it, "That's a lot of territory for five strings."

One thing about Fleck remains constant: his boundless curiosity and passion for pushing musical frontiers.

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About Delta Atlanta Symphony Hall LIVE

Delta Atlanta Symphony Hall LIVE concerts feature world-renowned musicians and entertainers, several of which will be joined on-stage by the GRAMMY® award-winning, Atlanta Symphony Orchestra. Highlighting

genres across the entertainment gamut, guests can enjoy concerts and events ranging from pop, rock, country, R&B, jazz, comedy, podcasts, book tours and everything in between. Symphony Hall continues to present a diverse array of artists throughout the year, bringing unique visual and audial experiences to the Atlanta community through the magic of live performances.

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