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**ATLANTA SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA ANNOUNCES THREE-DAY RESIDENCY AT COLUMBUS STATE UNIVERSITY**

**ORCHESTRA TO PERFORM PROKOFIEV AND SHOSTAKOVICH AT RIVERCENTER FOR THE PERFORMING ARTS AT CSU**

**ASO musicians and Music Director Nathalie Stutzmann to hold master classes with Schwob School of Music students**

ATLANTA & COLUMBUS, GA – The **Atlanta Symphony Orchestra** today announced a new partnership with Columbus State University's **Joyce and Henry Schwob School of Music**. In this residency format, the orchestra will deeply connect with students and faculty over three days, **Feb. 4-6, 2023**.

On Saturday, **Feb. 4, at 7:30 p.m.**, **ASO Music Director Nathalie Stutzmann** and the ASO will perform [Shostakovich's Fifth Symphony and Prokofiev's Sinfonia concertante](#) with cellist Edgar Moreau at the RiverCenter for the Performing Arts at Columbus State University.

Students at the Schwob School will have the opportunity to work with and learn from Stutzmann, ASO Associate Conductor Jerry Hou, and ASO musicians. On Saturday afternoon before the evening's performance, activities will include conducting observation and coaching from Stutzmann and Hou. In addition, Stutzmann, a world-renowned contralto, will teach a choral masterclass for CSU voice majors.

On **Sunday, Feb. 5**, master classes, coaching sessions, and chamber music rehearsals with members of the ASO will continue, culminating in a joint chamber music concert featuring ASO musicians with Schwob School faculty and students on [Sunday evening at 7:30 p.m.](#) in the Schwob School's Legacy Hall.

**Monday morning, on Feb. 6**, members of the ASO administrative staff will host a panel discussion at 10 a.m. about careers in music and arts management. That afternoon, ASO musicians will hold audition excerpt master classes.

“I am excited about this partnership and all we can do to reach more young musicians on the road to a professional career in music,” said **ASO Executive Director Jennifer Barlament**. “Education is one of the pillars of our mission, and I can't think of a better way to fulfill that mission than to take our long-standing relationship with the Schwob School to this next level.”

**Dr. Wanda Ebright, dean of Columbus State's College of the Arts**, credited the school's partnership with the Atlanta Symphony Orchestra as a unique facet of preparing Schwob School of Music students for their chosen careers.

“Schwob School students and alumni are known the world over for their exceptional talent, their finely tuned skills, and the quality of their artistry,” Ebright said. “Being able to partner with the Atlanta Symphony Orchestra in this monumental way provides our students an incredible opportunity to develop and mature as artists and musicians.”

The ASO and the Schwob School of Music have a history together, beginning with ASO Board of Counselors member, Joyce Schwob, and her husband, Henry Schwob, who have transformed the school into a destination for exceptionally talented musicians from around the world.

“We are truly indebted to the Schwobs for their love of and commitment to the arts—especially music,” said **Dr. John M. Fuchko III, Columbus State's interim president**. “It is in part their vision for music education and their investment in our academic programs that continue to elevate both the excellence of our programs, as well as the high regard for the efforts of our Schwob School of Music faculty and the talents of our students and alumni.”

One of those students, Venezuela native and violinist **Samuel Vargas**, was the 2021 winner of the Sphinx Competition grand prize, and conducting student **Enluis Montes Olivar** was recently named to a prestigious Dudamel Fellowship. One of the winners of the ASO's Inaugural Orchestra Fellowship Program, **Jordan Milek Johnson**, is a 2022 Schwob School alumnus, and the ASO's own violinist **Anastasia Agapova** attended the school as well.

**Scott Harris, the Schwob School of Music's Swift Distinguished Chair**, noted that Columbus State-ASO connections date back more than 40 years. When then-Columbus College celebrated its 25th anniversary in 1983, the Atlanta Symphony Orchestra performance kicked off a series of anniversary events.

“We are deeply honored to host the Atlanta Symphony Orchestra on campus. This residency forms the foundation of a partnership that both organizations will build upon to benefit our students and our wonderfully supportive community,” Harris noted.

More information about the public events that are part of the Atlanta Symphony Orchestra’s visit to Columbus State is available at [events.columbusstate.edu](https://events.columbusstate.edu).

### **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-plus 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.

For more information, visit <https://www.aso.org/>

### **About the Joyce and Henry Schwob School of Music**

Located in the heart of Columbus State University’s RiverPark Campus, the Joyce and Henry Schwob School of Music offers its students an innovative conservatory curriculum with bachelor’s degrees, master’s degrees and a graduate-level artist diploma in disciplines that include music, music education and performance.

In addition to its renowned academic programs, its superior facilities—part of the RiverCenter for the Performing Arts complex—attract faculty, guest artists and events from around the world. Most recently, that has included the 2001 International Trombone Festival and the 2022 American Viola Society Festival/ 47th International Viola Congress.

Its 300 performances a year make the Schwob School a cornerstone of the community's arts and culture scene, and significantly contribute to local tourism, economic development and quality of life.

For more information, visit <https://www.columbusstate.edu/music/>

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