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**THE ATLANTA SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA'S DAY OF THE DEAD FESTIVAL RETURNS
WITH FREE COMMUNITY CELEBRATION ON SATURDAY, NOV. 2**

ATLANTA – The **Atlanta Symphony Orchestra (ASO)** will host its third annual, free *Día de los Muertos Festival* on Saturday, November 2, from noon to 5 pm at The Woodruff Arts Center.

The family-friendly festival is open to the public and will include live mariachi music and dancers, ofrendas, stilt walkers, interactive photo booths, and a children's area with face painting, storytelling, and games with prizes.

While most of the activities will be ongoing, there will be a few performances throughout the afternoon. Atlanta Symphony Orchestra violinist Juan R. Ramírez Hernández will perform twice with Mariachi Pepe Lopez at 1:00 pm and 2:00 pm. Other events include:

- Horse exhibition by Rancho Los Gallos de Oro with Andalusian and Friesian Stallions.
- Storyteller Camille will tell tales about Dia de los Muertos in Spanish and English.
- Dance performances by Grupo Folklorico Itzamatul and Latin Just Dance

Local Mexican American community organizations and vendors will be on-site with food trucks with traditional food and drinks available for purchase. All festival activities will take place either outside on Callaway Plaza or inside the lobby of the Memorial Arts Building.

Later that evening, the Atlanta Symphony Orchestra will present *Ghostbusters in Concert*, featuring a screening of the timeless classic with the musical score performed live to the film. This year will celebrate the 40th anniversary of the film's release. The concert will be led by conductor Thiago Tiberio.

While admission to the festival is free, tickets are required for the *Ghostbusters in Concert* performances. Tickets can be purchased at aso.org and ticketmaster.com.

This event is sponsored by Graphic Packaging, whose support helps bring this celebration to life.

Dia de los Muertos Festival

Woodruff Arts Center

Callaway Plaza and inside the Memorial Arts Building

1280 Peachtree St. NE, Atlanta GA 30309

Sat., Nov. 2, 12 noon – 5 pm

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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