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**GUEST CONDUCTOR MEI-ANN CHEN  
TO LEAD THE ATLANTA SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA IN WORKS  
BY RACHMANINOV, HINDEMITH, AND DVOŘÁK  
FEBRUARY 25-27, 2010**

**Concert To Feature Pianist Jon Kimura Parker  
Performing Rachmaninov's *Rhapsody on a Theme of Paganini***

Guest Conductor Mei-Ann Chen will lead the Atlanta Symphony Orchestra in Rachmaninov's *Rhapsody on a Theme of Paganini*, with guest pianist Jon Kimura Parker, Hindemith's *Symphonic Metamorphosis on Themes of Carl Maria von Weber*, and Dvořák's Symphony No. 8. The concert will be February 25-27, 2010 at 8:00 p.m. at Atlanta Symphony Hall at the Woodruff Arts Center.

**Fanfare Pre-Concert Dinner Buffet**

A great ASO tradition returns in the 2009-2010 season — *Fanfare*, the pre-concert buffet-style dining by Restaurant Associates, will be available to all concertgoers at all Delta Classical, Superpops, and Coca-Cola Holiday concert-evening performances from 6:00 – 8:00 p.m... [\(more\)](#)

**Concert Preview Talks**

Audiences have the opportunity to learn more about the music they'll be hearing at concerts with free [Concert Previews](#), hosted by ASO Insider and Program Annotator Ken Meltzer. Join Mr. Meltzer and his special guests, composers, conductors, and musicians for lively and informative discussions. All concert previews are located in Atlanta Symphony Hall and are **free and open to all concert ticket-holders**. (Speakers and locations are subject to change.)

## About the Repertoire

HINDEMITH (1895-1963)

*Symphonic Metamorphosis on Themes of Carl Maria von Weber*

In 1938, German composer Paul Hindemith left his native country. He first moved to Switzerland, and then, in February of 1940, to the United States. The following month, Hindemith attended a performance by a ballet company led by the famous dancer and choreographer, Leonide Massine.... [\(more\)](#)

RACHMANINOV (1873-1943)

*Rhapsody on a Theme of Paganini*

While the legendary Italian violinist Nicolò Paganini (1782-1840) is acknowledged as one of the greatest virtuosos of all time, his compositions have not enjoyed a similar level of adulation. Still, composers as diverse as Robert Schumann, Franz Liszt, Johannes Brahms, Boris Blacher, Witold Lutoslawski and George Rochberg have all made Paganini's music the basis for their own compositions ... [\(more\)](#)

DVOŘÁK (1841-1904)

Symphony No. 6 in F Major, Opus 68, "Pastorale"

While working on his Piano Quartet, Opus 87, Czech composer Dvořák told his friend, Alois Göbl: "It's going unexpectedly easily and the melodies simply pour out of me." On August 26, 1889, one week after finishing the Piano Quartet, Dvořák began work on his Symphony in G Major ... [\(more\)](#)

## About the Artists

The first woman to win the Malko International Conductors Competition (2005), **Mei-Ann Chen** has established herself as a versatile, highly communicative and inspirational young artist. Currently Assistant Conductor of Robert Spano and the Atlanta Symphony Orchestra, she was awarded the 2007 Taki Concordia Fellowship; as a result of that award, she appeared jointly with Marin Alsop and Stefan Sanderling in highly acclaimed subscription concerts with the Baltimore Symphony, Colorado Symphony and Florida Orchestra ... [\(more\)](#)

Internationally acclaimed concert pianist **Jon Kimura Parker** was born, raised, and educated in Vancouver, Canada. His extraordinary career has taken him from Carnegie Hall and the Sydney Opera House to Baffin Island and Zimbabwe. A true Canadian ambassador of music, Mr. Parker has given two command performances for Queen Elizabeth II, special performances for the United States Supreme Court, and has performed for the Prime Ministers of Canada and Japan ... [\(more\)](#)

## About the Atlanta Symphony Orchestra

The **Atlanta Symphony Orchestra**, now in its 65th season, is considered one of America's leading orchestras, known for the excellence of its live performances, presentations, renowned choruses, and its impressive list of Grammy® Award-winning recordings... [\(more\)](#)

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This concert is part of the Delta Classical Concert Series. **Delta Air Lines** is the Official Airline of the Atlanta Symphony Orchestra.

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Single tickets for these performances are \$20 to \$75. All single for the 2009-2010 are now available online at **atlantasympphony.org** or by calling **(404) 733-5000**. Tickets may also be purchased at the **Woodruff Arts Center Box Office** located in the Woodruff Arts Center at 15th and Peachtree Streets. Box office hours are Monday through Friday 10am-8pm, and Saturday and Sunday 12pm to 8pm.

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**MEI-ANN CHEN AND JON KIMURA PARKER**  
**Delta Classical Series**

Atlanta Symphony Hall, Memorial Arts Building, Woodruff Arts Center

Thursday, February 25, 2010, 8:00 p.m.

Friday, February 26, 2010, 8:00 p.m.

Saturday, February 27, 2010, 8:00 p.m.

Mei-Ann Chen, conductor  
Jon Kimura Parker, piano  
Atlanta Symphony Orchestra

HINDEMITH

*Symphonic Metamorphoses on Themes by  
Carl Maria von Weber*

RACHMANINOV

*Rhapsody on a Theme of Paganini*

DVOŘÁK

Symphony No. 8

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