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**GUEST CONDUCTOR ROBERTO MINCZUK  
TO LEAD ATLANTA SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA  
FEBRUARY 16, 17, and 19, 2012**

**Cellist Johannes Moser To Make Atlanta Symphony Debut  
Playing Elgar's Cello Concerto**

Guest conductor Roberto Minczuk will lead the Atlanta Symphony Orchestra in a program featuring Wagner's Prelude to *Die Meistersinger von Nürnberg*, Mozart's Symphony No. 35, "Haffner," and Richard Strauss's *Der Rosenkavalier* Suite. Cellist Johannes Moser will also be featured on the program and will make his Atlanta Symphony debut with Elgar's Cello Concerto. The concerts will take place February 16 and 17, at 8:00 p.m., and February 19, 2012, at 3:00 p.m., in Atlanta Symphony Hall at the Woodruff Arts Center.

These performances will mark Mr. Minczuk's fifth appearance with the Orchestra.

**About the Repertoire**

**WAGNER**

**Prelude to *Die Meistersinger von Nürnberg***

In Richard Wagner's only successful comedy, *Die Meistersinger von Nürnberg* (*The Mastersingers of Nuremberg*), the composer lampoons his critics, but also acknowledges... ([more](#))

**ELGAR**

**Cello Concerto**

On June 26, 1919, Edward Elgar wrote to his friend, Sidney Colvin: "I am frantically busy writing & have nearly completed a Concerto for Violoncello—a real large work & I think *good & alive*".... ([more](#))

**MOZART**

**Symphony No. 35 "Haffner"**

When Mozart finally received the work, which he had composed in the span of approximately two weeks, he told his father: "My new Haffner symphony has positively amazed me, for I had forgotten every single note of it. It must surely have produced a good effect."... ([more](#))

After the success of *Salome* (1905) and *Elektra* (1909), two lyric dramas featuring shocking stories and music, Richard Strauss informed his librettist, poet Hugo von Hofmannsthal, that he wished to compose “a Mozart opera.” ... ([more](#))

**About the Artists**

**Roberto Minczuk** is the Music Director of the Calgary Philharmonic Orchestra in Canada and the Artistic Director and Principal Conductor of the Brazilian Symphony Orchestra... ([more](#))

**Cellist Johannes Moser** has been hailed by Gramophone Magazine as “one of the finest among the astonishing gallery of young virtuoso cellists.” ... ([more](#))

**About the Atlanta Symphony Orchestra**

The **Atlanta Symphony Orchestra**, currently in its 67th season, consistently affirms its position as one of America’s leading Orchestras by performing great music, presenting great artists, educating, and engaging... ([more](#))

**Concert Previews**

Audiences have the opportunity to learn more about the music they’ll be hearing at concerts with free [Concert Previews](#) given by composers, conductors, educators, and musical experts, all hosted by [ASO Insider and Program Annotator Ken Meltzer](#). Thursday evenings, 7:00–7:30 p.m. in Symphony Hall (unless otherwise noted). Concerts previews are **free and open to all concert ticket holders**. Speakers and locations are subject to change.

**Fanfare Pre-Concert Dinner Buffet**

An Atlanta Symphony tradition returns in the 2011–2012 season — *Fanfare*, the pre-concert buffet-style dining by Legendary Partners, will be available to all concertgoers at all evening Delta Classical, Superpops!, and the Cola-Cola Holiday concert performances from 6:00–8:00 p.m. ... ([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 \$21 to \$79. All single tickets for the 2011–2012 season are on sale now, and available online at [atlantasymphony.org](http://atlantasymphony.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 10:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.; Tuesday through Friday 10:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.; Saturday 12:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.; and Sunday 12:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.

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**JOHANNES MOSER MAKES ATLANTA SYMPHONY DEBUT**

**Delta Classical Series**

Atlanta Symphony Hall, Memorial Arts Building, Woodruff Arts Center

Thursday, February 16, 2012, 8:00 p.m.

Friday, February 17, 2012, 8:00 p.m.

Sunday, February 19, 2012, 3:00 p.m.

Roberto Minczuk, conductor

Johannes Moser, cello\*

Atlanta Symphony Orchestra

WAGNER

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STRAUSS

Prelude to Act I from *Die Meistersinger von Nürnberg*

Cello Concerto

Symphony No. 35, "Haffner"

Suite from *Der Rosenkavalier*

\* *denotes Atlanta Symphony Orchestra debut*

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