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**GUEST CONDUCTOR THOMAS WILKINS  
TO LEAD ATLANTA SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA  
FEBRUARY 2–4, 2012**

**Pianist Gabriela Montero To Make Atlanta Symphony Debut  
Playing Beethoven's Piano Concerto No. 3**

Guest conductor Thomas Wilkins will lead the Atlanta Symphony Orchestra February 2–4, 2012, in a program featuring Ravel's *Mother Goose Suite* and Dvořák's *Symphony No. 8*. Pianist Gabriela Montero will also be featured on the program and will make her Atlanta Symphony debut with Beethoven's *Piano Concerto No. 3*. The concerts will take place in Atlanta Symphony Hall at the Woodruff Arts Center.

These performances will mark Mr. Wilkins's second appearance with the Orchestra.

**About the Repertoire**

**RAVEL**

***Mother Goose Suite***

Maurice Ravel's *Ma mère l'oye (Mother Goose)*, subtitled *Five Pieces for Children*, first appeared as a series of miniatures for piano four hands... ([more](#))

**BEETHOVEN**

***Piano Concerto No. 3***

Vienna's magnificent Theater-an-der-Wien was the creation of actor Emanuel Schikaneder, the librettist for Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart's 1791 opera *The Magic Flute*.... ([more](#))

**DVOŘÁK**

***Symphony No. 8***

While working on his *Piano Quartet, Opus 87*, Czech composer Antonín Dvořák told his friend, Alois Göbl: "It's going unexpectedly easily and the melodies simply pour out of me"... ([more](#))

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## **About the Artists**

**Thomas Wilkins** is Music Director of the Omaha Symphony, a position he has held since 2005. Additionally he is Principal Guest Conductor of the Hollywood Bowl Orchestra... ([more](#))

**Pianist Gabriela Montero's** visionary interpretations and unique improvisational gifts have won her a quickly expanding audience and devoted following around the world... ([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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## **THOMAS WILKINS AND GABRIELA MONTERO**

### **Delta Classical Series**

Atlanta Symphony Hall, Memorial Arts Building, Woodruff Arts Center

Thursday, February 2, 2012, 8:00 p.m.

Friday, February 3, 2012, 8:00 p.m.

Saturday, February 4, 2012, 8:00 p.m.

Thomas Wilkins, conductor  
Gabriela Montero, piano\*  
Atlanta Symphony Orchestra

RAVEL  
BEETHOVEN  
DVOŘÁK

*Mother Goose Suite*  
Piano Concerto No. 3  
Symphony No. 8

\* *denotes Atlanta Symphony Orchestra debut*

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