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**ATLANTA SYMPHONY YOUTH ORCHESTRA AND STUDENT MUSICIANS
TO JOIN ATLANTA SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA
FOR SIDE-BY-SIDE CONCERT
THURSDAY, JUNE 14, 2012**

**ATLANTA FALCONS OFFENSIVE GUARD JUSTIN BLALOCK
TO HOST CONCERT AND GUEST CONDUCT ORCHESTRA**

**Youth Orchestra Music Director Jere Flint To Lead Orchestra
In Program Featuring Dvořák's "New World" Symphony
And Mozart's Overture to *The Magic Flute***

Student musicians from the Atlanta area, including members of the [Atlanta Symphony Youth Orchestra](#) (ASYO), will perform a side-by-side concert with members of the Atlanta Symphony Orchestra on Thursday, June 14, 2012, at 7:30 p.m. in Atlanta Symphony Hall at the Woodruff Arts Center. Youth Orchestra Music Director Jere Flint will lead the musicians in a program featuring Dvořák's "New World" Symphony and Mozart's Overture to *The Magic Flute*.

Justin Blalock — the starting left guard for the Atlanta Falcons — will host the concert, guest conduct John Williams's *Raiders March*, and sign autographs following the performance. Mr. Blalock, who grew up playing the tuba and continues to play the drums and guitar, recognizes the importance of music-rich educational experiences and recently joined the Atlanta Symphony's "When I Play Music" campaign for music education (www.aso.org/blalock).

"Growing up in Texas as an athlete and musician, I discovered firsthand that playing both football and tuba helped me thrive in all areas of life. When kids play music, they achieve higher test scores, are more likely to become community leaders, have more confidence, and experience a sense of achievement," said Mr. Blalock. "I started my foundation to help young athletes achieve a sense of self-confidence and achievement. Now, through this new partnership with the Atlanta Symphony, I will be able to combine my efforts to also reach out to the youth of our city through music. I am excited by the possibilities ahead of us in partnership with this great Orchestra."

The side-by-side concert will mark the end of an intensive four-day orchestral workshop allowing students to participate in special coaching sessions with Atlanta Symphony musicians, sit next to Orchestra members in rehearsals, and receive up to 15 hours of musical instruction from Mr. Flint. Additionally, students will be paired with an Atlanta Symphony musician who will serve as their mentor

throughout the entire workshop. Approximately 60 student musicians will participate in this year's concert.

The ASYO, which will begin its 38th season in fall 2012, is comprised of gifted young men and women, ages 13 to 18, from across the Southeast, and is led by Youth Orchestra Music Director Jere Flint.

Tickets are \$5 and may be purchased at the Woodruff Arts Center Box Office or by calling 404-733-5000.

About the Artists

A frequent conductor of Atlanta Symphony Orchestra concerts, **Staff Conductor Jere Flint** leads the Atlanta Symphony Orchestra's popular Family Concerts and its Symphony Street concerts for youngsters... ([more](#))

Established in 1974, the **Atlanta Symphony Youth Orchestra** provides Atlanta's most talented and dedicated students an outlet to perform masterworks. Each year, more than 300 instrumentalists, ages 13-18, audition for one of 120 seats in the orchestra. The Atlanta Symphony Youth Orchestra presents a three concert series each year, and members have exclusive invitations to participate in readings and master classes with the top artists in the instrumental music industry... ([more](#))

Justin Blalock begins his fifth season this year as starting left guard with the **Atlanta Falcons** after signing a six-year extension. A native of Plano, TX, Justin started 14 games at the left guard position as a rookie in 2007. He started his first career NFL game at Minnesota (9/9) and helped the offense record 265 total yards... ([more](#))

"When I Play Music" Campaign for Music Education

On May 1, 2012, the Atlanta Symphony Orchestra launched its second annual ["When I Play Music"](#) campaign — a broad-based giving campaign which focuses on supporting the Atlanta Symphony Orchestra and its education and community programs, and raising awareness of the impact of music-rich educational experiences on students.

The "When I Play Music" campaign is primarily driven by social media, and utilizes online giving to enable audiences to give donations, beginning at just \$5, to support the Orchestra's vast education and community engagement programs. A microsite containing additional campaign details is available at aso.org/give5.

All donors to the 2012 "When I Play Music" campaign will be entered to win a trip for two to New York City to hear the Atlanta Symphony Orchestra perform at Carnegie Hall on October 27, 2012. The trip will include roundtrip tickets on Delta Air Lines as well as hotel accommodations. Contest rules are available [here](#).

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](#))

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Tickets are **\$5** general admission and are available online at atlantasymphony.org, by calling (404) 733-5000, or 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.; and Saturday and Sunday 12:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.

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2012 Side-By-Side Concert

Atlanta Symphony Hall, Memorial Arts Building, Woodruff Arts Center

Thursday, June 14, 2012, 7:30 p.m.

Jere Flint, conductor
Justin Blalock, host and guest conductor
Atlanta Symphony Youth Orchestra
Atlanta Symphony Orchestra

MOZART
TCHAIKOVSKY
MUSSORGSKY
COPLAND
DVOŘÁK
WILLIAMS

Overture to *The Magic Flute*
Capriccio Italien
Night on Bald Mountain
"Buckaroo Holiday" from *Rodeo*
Finale from Symphony No. 9, "New World"
Raiders March

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