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ANNUAL MUSICAL TRIBUTE TO DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.

PRESENTED BY DELTA AIR LINES

TO TAKE PLACE APRIL 4, 2013

Concert Will Commemorate Anniversary Of Civil Rights Leader's Death

MUSIC DIRECTOR ROBERT SPANO TO LEAD ATLANTA SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA
IN PROGRAM FEATURING TWO WORLD PREMIERES BY JAZZ PIANIST MARCUS ROBERTS
AND ATLANTA SYMPHONY BASSIST MICHAEL KURTH

# NEW WORK BY STUDENT COMPOSER COMMODORE PRIMOUS TO RECEIVE SUBSCRIPTION CONCERT PREMIERE

Program Also To Include "Symphonic Dances" From Bernstein's West Side Story
And Christopher Theofanidis's Rainbow Body

Music Director Robert Spano and the Atlanta Symphony Orchestra will perform its annual tribute to Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., on <u>Thursday, April 4, 2013, at 8:00 p.m.</u>, in Atlanta Symphony Hall at the Woodruff Arts Center. The concert will feature two world premieres: a new work by jazz pianist Marcus Roberts; and *Everything Lasts Forever* by composer and Atlanta Symphony Orchestra bassist Michael Kurth.

The Orchestra will also give the ASO subscription premiere of *The Triumph of Day* by student composer Commodore Primous. Mr. Primous, a freshman at Pebblebrook High School, won the Atlanta Symphony's inaugural Next Generation student composition contest last spring — he has worked with Mr. Kurth to convert his work for solo piano into a full orchestral piece. The Orchestra gave the world premiere of *The Triumph of Day* in October as part of the Orchestra's Concerts for Young People series. By the end of the 2012-13 season, it will have been performed for nearly 25,000 students.

The program will also include "Symphonic Dances" from Bernstein's *West Side Story*, and *Rainbow Body* by Atlanta School of Composers member Christopher Theofanidis. The concert will be repeated on <u>Friday</u>, <u>April 5</u>, <u>2013</u>, at 8:00 p.m. The "A King Celebration" Concert was originally scheduled to take place on Thursday, January 17, 2013.

"Our annual 'A King Celebration' concert has been one of Atlanta's greatest traditions for over 20 years," said Atlanta Symphony Orchestra President Stanley E. Romanstein. "It is an honor to pay homage to Dr. King, while continuing to unite the Atlanta community through music. We are grateful for

our ongoing partnership with the King Center, Spelman College, and Morehouse College, and we'd also like to thank Delta Air Lines for helping us bring this meaningful event to music lovers in our community."

# **About the Atlanta Symphony Orchestra**

The **Atlanta Symphony Orchestra** (ASO), currently in its 68th season, is one of America's leading orchestras. It performs great music, presents leading artists, educates and engages music lovers. The ASO serves as the cornerstone for artistic development and music education in the southeast. It performs more than 200 concerts each year for a combined audience of more than a half million in a full schedule of performances. It also reaches more than 67,000 students and underserved members of the community through its education and community outreach programs... (more)

## **Concert Previews**

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

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All single tickets for the 2012–2013 season are on sale now, and available online at <a href="mailto:atlantasymphony.org">atlantasymphony.org</a>, or by calling 404.733.5000. Tickets may also be purchased at <a href="www.ticketmaster.com">www.ticketmaster.com</a>, all ticketmaster outlets, and the <a href="www.ticketmaster.com">woodruff Arts Center Box Office</a>, 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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#### ROBERT SPANO LEADS TWO WORLD PREMIERES

#### **Delta Classical Series**

Atlanta Symphony Hall, Memorial Arts Building, Woodruff Arts Center

Thursday, April 4, 2013, 8:00 p.m.\* Friday, April 5, 2013, 8:00 p.m.

Robert Spano, conductor Marcus Roberts Trio Atlanta Symphony Orchestra COMMODORE PRIMOUS
MICHAEL KURTH
MARCUS ROBERTS
BERNSTEIN
CHRISTOPHER THEOFANIDIS

The Triumph of Day \*\*
Everything Lasts Forever †
Piano Concerto †
"Symphonic Dances" from West Side Story
Rainbow Body

- \* "A King Celebration" musical tribute concert
- \*\* denotes Atlanta Symphony Orchestra subscription debut
- † denotes world premiere and Atlanta Symphony Orchestra commission

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