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**ATLANTA SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA AND ALLIANCE THEATRE  
TO LAUNCH NEW "POP-UP" NIGHTLIFE VENUE AT WOODRUFF ARTS CENTER:  
SOUNDSTAGE**

**SOUNDSTAGE TO OPEN IN CONJUNCTION WITH THE ATLANTA SYMPHONY'S  
INAUGURAL "FIRST FRIDAYS WITH THE ASO" CONCERT  
NOVEMBER 1, 2013, AT 6:30 P.M.**

**Venue To Be A Cabaret Space With Full Bar Service And Tapas**

**Soundstage To Be Open On First Friday Of Every Month**

**Music, Improv Comedy, And Spoken Word Performance To Be Featured**

The [Atlanta Symphony Orchestra](#) (ASO) and the [Alliance Theatre](#) are coming together to provide Atlanta with a new "pop-up" nightlife scene at the [Woodruff Arts Center](#). The venue, Soundstage, will be open on the first Friday of every month, and will be launched in conjunction with the Atlanta Symphony's inaugural "First Fridays with the ASO" concert on Friday, November 1, 2013.

Soundstage is a lounge and performance venue located in the Woodruff Arts Center's Memorial Arts Building, which allows guests to enjoy food, drinks, and good company in a relaxed environment. In addition, guests can take pleasure in live music, improv comedy, and spoken word performances created by the artists of the Atlanta Symphony, Alliance Theatre, and more.

It is not required to have a ticket to a Symphony Hall or Alliance Theatre performance in order to access Soundstage. Entry is free and open to the general public. Drinks and a selection of tapas will be available for purchase. The full-service bar will be open from 5:00 p.m. until midnight, with live programming occurring between 8:00 p.m. and midnight.

The inaugural "First Fridays with the ASO" concert, part of the Orchestra's new happy-hour concert series, will be held on Friday, November 1, 2013, at 6:30 p.m. at Atlanta Symphony Hall at the Woodruff Arts Center. Music Director Robert Spano will lead the Orchestra in

Beethoven's Fifth Symphony. Guest pianist Stephen Hough will play Liszt's Piano Concerto No. 1. Tickets are just \$25. More details are available at [aso.org](http://aso.org).

Guests can also take advantage of two performances at the Alliance Theatre on November 1 - *By the Way, Meet Vera Stark*, the groundbreaking comedy by Pulitzer Prize winning playwright Lynn Nottage on the Alliance Stage, and *Warrior Class*, by playwright and television writer Kenneth Lin (*said, Said* and Netflix's *House of Cards*) on the Hertz Stage. Both performances begin at 8:00 p.m. Soundstage guests can take \$5 off\* tickets for either performance with promo code SOUNDSTAGE5 – online or at the box office. [www.alliancetheatre.org](http://www.alliancetheatre.org) or 404.733.5000. \*Not valid on previously purchased tickets or in combination with any other offers. Subject to availability.

Whether guests are attending a performance at the Woodruff Arts Center or just stopping by to explore a new Midtown nightlife scene, Soundstage provides the perfect mix of leisure and entertainment for its audience. The venue is located in the Memorial Arts Building of the Woodruff Arts Center at the corner of 15th and Peachtree Streets.

### **About the Atlanta Symphony Orchestra**

**Music Director Robert Spano**, currently in his 13th season as music director of the Atlanta Symphony Orchestra, is recognized internationally as one of the most imaginative conductors today... ([more](#))

The **Atlanta Symphony Orchestra** (ASO), currently in its 69th 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](#))

### **About "First Fridays with the ASO" Concert Series**

The Atlanta Symphony Orchestra is bringing a happy-hour concert series to Symphony Hall. Guests can skip the Friday traffic and start off their weekend with an exciting concert at 6:30 p.m. The programs are shorter than usual without an intermission, so the audience is on their way by 8:00 p.m. The premiere First Fridays Concert will be held on Friday, November 1, 2013, at 6:30 p.m. More information can be found at [aso.org](http://aso.org).

### **About the Alliance Theatre**

Founded in 1968, the Alliance Theatre has become the lead producing theatre in the Southeast, creating the powerful experience of shared theatre for diverse people on two stages. The Alliance values excellence, pursued with integrity and creativity, and achieved through collaboration. Under the leadership of Susan V. Booth, Jennings Hertz Artistic Director, the Alliance received the Regional Theatre Tony Award® in recognition of sustained excellence in programming, education and community engagement. Reaching more than 200,000 patrons annually, the Alliance delivers powerful programming that challenges adult

and youth audiences to think critically and care deeply. Each year, the Alliance Theatre Acting Program and Education Department reaches 50,000 students through performances, acting classes, drama camps, and in-school initiatives with programs like the Collision Project for teens and the Theatre for the Very Young for audiences 18 months – 5 years old. The Alliance also nurtures the careers of playwrights through the Alliance National Graduate Playwriting Competition, producing a premiere for the competition winner as part of the regular season with national networking opportunities for four finalists.

[www.alliancetheatre.org](http://www.alliancetheatre.org)

### **About the Woodruff Arts Center**

The Woodruff Arts Center is one of the largest arts centers in the world, welcoming more than 1.4 million visitors every year to its Atlanta campus. It is home to the Tony-award winning Alliance Theater, the Grammy-Award winning Atlanta Symphony Orchestra and the High Museum of Art, making it the only arts center in the country to house performing and visual arts on a single campus. The Woodruff Arts Center is also home to robust education programs, serving more than 500,000 students, teachers and administrators each year, led by the Young Audiences, Georgia's leading provider of arts-in-education programming.

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