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**ATLANTA SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA ANNOUNCES
“ATLANTA SYMPHONY SONGSTER 2010” VOCAL COMPETITION**

**CONTESTANTS TO SUBMIT VIDEO ENTRIES VIA YOUTUBE.COM
BY WEDNESDAY, JULY 28, 2010**

**FINALISTS TO SING LIVE WITH THE ATLANTA SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA
BEFORE PERFORMANCE OF THE FILM CLASSIC, *THE WIZARD OF OZ*
AT VERIZON WIRELESS AMPHITHEATRE AT ENCORE PARK
SATURDAY, AUG. 14, 2010**

**PRIZES TO INCLUDE ROUND-TRIP TICKETS TO NEW YORK TO HEAR
ATLANTA SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA PERFORM AT CARNEGIE HALL**

The Atlanta Symphony Orchestra is inviting individual singers, age 18 and older, to compete in the “Atlanta Symphony Songster 2010” vocal competition, offering amateur singers a chance to sing with the Atlanta Symphony Orchestra at Verizon Wireless Amphitheatre at Encore Park on Saturday, August 14, 2010. The concert will feature the Orchestra performing the music to the classic film, *The Wizard of Oz* — a theme carried into the vocal competition.

Contestants will need to submit a two-minute video of themselves singing “Over the Rainbow,” the famous song performed by Judy Garland in the classic film, *The Wizard of Oz*, by midnight (EST) on Wednesday, July 28, 2010. A panel of judges will narrow the entrants down to three finalists, who will be announced on Wednesday, August 4, 2010. The three finalists will then sing a portion of “Over the Rainbow” with the Orchestra prior to the start of the concert on Saturday, August 14, 2010, which will also be streamed live on UStream.com. In the spirit of *American Idol*, audience members will select the winner by text message or by online voting. Winners will be announced at intermission of the concert by Turner Classic Movies’ own Ben Mankiewicz.

First Prize is two domestic round-trip tickets to New York, one hotel room, and two concert tickets to see the Atlanta Symphony Orchestra perform at Carnegie Hall on Saturday, October 30, 2010, along with a TCM gift basket containing books, DVDs, and more.

Second Prize is two complementary tickets to the Opening Night concert and party of the Atlanta Symphony Orchestra's 2010-11 season, plus a backstage tour of Turner Studios (pending date availability), a visit to the TCM set, and lunch at Studio Canteen for two people.

Third Prize is a voucher for two complementary tickets to a concert in the Orchestra's 2010-11 season at Atlanta Symphony Hall, and a TCM gift basket containing books, DVDs, and more.

ENTRY RULES AND PROCEDURES

Singers may audition for "Atlanta Symphony Songster 2010" by posting a two-minute video-performance of the song, "Over the Rainbow," on the Atlanta Symphony Orchestra's [YouTube.com channel](#).

- **Wednesday, July 28, 2010 — midnight (EST):** Deadline for submitting a video-audition and application. Entrants must be 18 years or older, and will be judged solely on the merit of their performance. For complete competition details, and to submit an online application, visit <http://www.atlantasympphony.org/songster2010>.
- **Wednesday, August 4, 2010:** Top three finalists, selected by a panel of judges, will be announced.
- **Saturday, August 14, 2010, at 8:00 p.m.:** Three finalists will sing a portion of "Over the Rainbow," from the classic film, *The Wizard of Oz*, live, onstage, with the Atlanta Symphony Orchestra at its summer home, Verizon Wireless Amphitheatre at Encore Park. Competition may be watched in person at the Amphitheatre, or online at UStream.com. Voting will take place via text message and online voting. Winner will be announced at intermission of the concert by TCM's own Ben Mankiewicz.

HOW TO ENTER/APPLICATION

To audition for "Atlanta Symphony Songster 2010," contestants must post a video response to the Atlanta Symphony Orchestra's [YouTube.com channel](#) with a MAXIMUM two-minute video-performance of the song, "Over the Rainbow."

In the video submission, please provide an introduction stating Name, City and State of residence, and a MAXIMUM of two minutes of "Over the Rainbow."

Contestants MUST have a corresponding application form to be considered. Employees of the Atlanta Symphony Orchestra, immediate family and other household members, and current members of the Atlanta Symphony Orchestra Chorus, are NOT eligible to enter.

[Submit Application](#)

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

For additional information, and to submit entries, visit <http://www.atlantasympphony.org/songster2010>.

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