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**ATLANTA SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA TO PRESENT *THE WIZARD OF OZ*  
AT VERIZON WIRELESS AMPHITHEATRE AT ENCORE PARK  
SATURDAY, AUGUST 14, 2010**

**“ATLANTA SYMPHONY SONGSTER 2010” VOCAL COMPETITION  
FINALIST TO PERFORM LIVE WITH THE ORCHESTRA THAT NIGHT  
Prizes To Include Round-Trip Tickets To New York To Hear  
Atlanta Symphony Orchestra Perform At Carnegie Hall In October 2010**

**TURNER CLASSIC MOVIES® HOST BEN MANKIEWICZ TO HOST CONCERT**

Conductor Jere Flint will lead the Atlanta Symphony Orchestra as they present *The Wizard of Oz* on the Amphitheatre's big screens, accompanied with live music by the Orchestra at Verizon Wireless Amphitheatre at Encore Park on Saturday, August 14, 2010, at 8:30 p.m. The concert will be hosted by Turner Classic Movies® own Ben Mankiewicz.

In conjunction with the concert, 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](http://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. Go to [Atlanta Symphony Songster 2010 for Details](#).

**The Amphitheatre Experience**

Each Atlanta Symphony Orchestra concert at Verizon Wireless Amphitheatre at Encore Park offers table-seating in the main Orchestra section of the venue, reserved seating throughout the pavilion, and lawn seating. Complementing this seating variation is an experience influenced by the repertoire and

theme of the concert. Live on-site broadcasts, Top of the Lawn conversations, and themed cuisine allow audiences to experience their own unique evening of enjoyment at the Orchestra's summer home.

### **Text-Message Questions from Audience**

Atlanta Symphony performances feature live interviews (projected on the jumbo screens) during concert intermissions. The interviews feature guest artists from the evening's performance, as well as musicians from the Orchestra, and are fueled by text-message questions sent by the audience the night of the concert.

### **Picnic Baskets and Themed Cuisine**

Specialty picnic baskets and food offerings will be available for all concerts at Verizon Wireless Amphitheatre at Encore Park.

Themed cuisine continues this summer with the economical **Tote for Two**, a \$30 dinner which complements the programming of each of the Atlanta Symphony Orchestra's concerts at the Amphitheatre. For the August 14th concert, a Wizard of Oz- themed "Tote for Two" will accompany the regular fare offered at the venue featuring *Tornado Twist* — mini tornado twist stuffed with green olives and blue cheese; *Ruby Slippers Sliders* — poppy- seeded fresh rolls stuffed with turkey and Swiss with rainbow slaw; and *Magic Wands* — white chocolate- dipped pretzels with magic sprinkles.

Concertgoers not purchasing the "Tote for Two" will be able to enjoy a "stand special" of *The Lollipop Guild's giant lollipop*, which can be purchased from concessions the night of the concert.

[Menu and Ordering](#)

The popular **Family Four Packs** are also being offered at all Orchestra concerts this summer, and consist of a package including concert tickets, food baskets, and parking at an economical price. For **\$95**, the Family Four-Pack includes four covered/reserved seats located in the rear of sections 101, 102, 104 or 105, or on the Lawn. If Lawn seating is selected, four lawn chair rentals will also be integrated. For **\$105**, the Family Four-Pack includes four covered/reserved seats in the front of sections 101, 102, 104, and 105, or the rear of sections 103. Also included are four food baskets\* and a parking pass. (Service fees are additional.)

[Ordering and Dinner Basket Options](#)

[Seating Chart](#)

The **Platinum Picnic Basket** is a \$1000 tapas-style picnic basket that will be offered at all ASO Presents concerts, as well as at all Atlanta Symphony Orchestra concerts. The "Platinum Picnic Basket" will not only feature exquisite cuisine (such as Kobe-style Wagyu steak, chilled champagne-steamed Maine lobster, Russian Black Pearl Hackleback Caviar, Venison pate, and more), but will also include a tax-deductible **\$500 donation** to the Atlanta Symphony Orchestra — Verizon Wireless Amphitheatre at Encore Park is a not-for-profit performance venue owned and operated by the Atlanta Symphony Orchestra. Anyone purchasing this basket will become a donor at the Principal Level, with benefits including invitations to special events, listing in the Atlanta Symphony program book, discounts to the Atlanta Symphony Store, Table 1280 Restaurant, and more.

[Menu, Benefits, and Ordering Information](#)

### **Tickets**

Tickets for the Atlanta Symphony Orchestra concert series are **\$27 to \$59**, and may 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 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.

Tickets may also be purchased at the **Verizon Wireless Amphitheatre Box Office** Monday through Friday, 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., and Saturdays from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

To purchase tickets online, visit [atlantasymphony.org](http://atlantasymphony.org) or [Ticketmaster.com](http://Ticketmaster.com).

Tickets may also be purchased by calling 1-800-745-3000, or by visiting any Ticketmaster outlet, including Publix Super Markets.

### **About the Artists**

A frequent conductor of Atlanta Symphony Orchestra concerts, **Jere Flint** leads the ASO's popular Family Concerts and its Symphony Street concerts for youngsters. He also regularly conducts on the Classic Chastain pops series at Chastain Park... ([more](#))

**Ben Mankiewicz** is the weekend daytime host of Turner Classic Movies (TCM). When he made his TCM debut in September 2003, he became only the second host hired in the network's history... ([more](#))

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

The **Atlanta Symphony Orchestra**, now beginning its 66th season, is one of America's leading orchestras, known for the excellence of its live performances, presentations, renowned choruses, and its impressive list of GRAMMY® Award-winning recordings... ([more](#))

### **About Verizon Wireless**

Verizon Wireless operates the nation's most reliable and largest wireless voice and 3G data network, serving more than 91 million customers. Headquartered in Basking Ridge, N.J., with 83,000 employees nationwide, Verizon Wireless is a joint venture of Verizon Communications (NYSE: VZ) and Vodafone (NASDAQ and LSE: VOD). For more information, visit [www.verizonwireless.com](http://www.verizonwireless.com). To preview and request broadcast-quality video footage and high-resolution stills of Verizon Wireless operations, log on to the Verizon Wireless Multimedia Library at [verizonwireless.com/multimedia](http://verizonwireless.com/multimedia).

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

Over the past 40 years, the Woodruff Arts Center has distinguished itself as one of the premier cultural centers in the nation, a unique institutional model where individual arts institutions unite to form a collaborative, inspirational, and supportive environment for the arts and education. The Woodruff Arts Center campus, located in the heart of Midtown Atlanta houses four renowned arts organizations including Alliance Theatre, Atlanta Symphony Orchestra, High Museum of Art, and Young Audiences.

Since 1968, Woodruff Arts Center has served more than 30 million patrons and annually offers more than 3,300 performances and exhibitions. In addition to its role as a cultural beacon and hub of the

Southeast, the Center serves as a critical economic, educational, and social catalyst for Atlanta and the region. For more, visit [woodruffcenter.org](http://woodruffcenter.org).

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Verizon Wireless Amphitheatre at Encore Park is located at 2200 Encore Parkway, Alpharetta, GA, 30009. For information, visit [atlantasymphony.org](http://atlantasymphony.org) or [vzwamp.com](http://vzwamp.com), or call (404) 733-5010.

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***THE WIZARD OF OZ***

Verizon Wireless Amphitheatre at Encore Park, Alpharetta, GA

Saturday, August 14, 2010, 8:30 p.m.

Jere Flint, conductor  
Atlanta Symphony Orchestra

Follow Dorothy and her pals amid the natural beauty of Encore Park, with the exciting score, live!

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