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**ATLANTA SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA TO RETURN TO CARNEGIE HALL ON APRIL 4, 2020**

**ATLANTA** – Music Director Robert Spano and the Grammy® Award-winning Atlanta Symphony Orchestra (ASO) and Chorus will return to Carnegie Hall for a performance on April 4, 2020. The program will feature Beethoven’s choral masterpiece *Missa solemnis*. During the 2019/20 season, the ASO will celebrate its 75<sup>th</sup> season and 250th anniversary of the birth of Beethoven.

“*Missa solemnis* is one of the most profound works in the choral literature,” said Spano. “I can’t think of a more appropriate celebration of this major milestone in the life of the Orchestra than a return to Carnegie Hall with our beloved Chorus.”

Stellar voices from the opera world will join the Orchestra and Chorus for this special performance, including soprano Susanna Phillips, soprano Sasha Cooke, tenor Benjamin Bliss and bass Matthew Rose.

Maestro Spano has led nearly a dozen performances on the stage of Carnegie Hall, many with the ASO. Spano conducted the Atlanta Symphony Orchestra and Chorus’ most recent Carnegie performance in 2016. Of this performance, [The New York Times](#) said, “Mr. Spano drew a glowing, spacious performance of this Brahms masterwork from the orchestra, marking a great return visit for both him and this essential ensemble.”

Carnegie Hall subscription packages are available for purchase beginning Jan. 30, and single tickets will be available Aug. 21, 2019. For more information, visit [carnegiehall.org](http://carnegiehall.org).

More program information:

**Beethoven at 250: *Missa solemnis***

Carnegie Hall, New York

Saturday, April 4, 2020, 8:00 p.m.

Robert Spano, conductor  
Susanna Phillips, soprano  
Sasha Cooke, soprano  
Benjamin Bliss, tenor  
Matthew Rose, bass  
Atlanta Symphony Orchestra Chorus  
Atlanta Symphony Orchestra

BEETHOVEN

*Missa solemnis*

**About the Atlanta Symphony Orchestra**

Celebrating its 74th season, the Atlanta Symphony Orchestra continues to affirm its position as one of America's leading orchestras with excellent live performances, renowned guest artist features and engaging education initiatives. As a cornerstone for artistic development in the Southeast, the Atlanta Symphony Orchestra performs a full schedule of more than 150 concerts, including educational and community concerts, each year for a combined audience of more than a quarter million people.

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