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**THE ATLANTA SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA RETURNS TO PIEDMONT PARK  
FOR TWO FREE CONCERTS IN JUNE**

*Tchaikovsky and More on June 12, 2019*

*Opera's Greatest Hits on June 19, 2019*

**ATLANTA** – The Atlanta Symphony Orchestra (ASO) will return to Piedmont Park's Oak Hill for two free concerts on Wednesday, June 12, 2019, and Wednesday, June 19, 2019, at 7:30 p.m. Atlanta Symphony Orchestra Concerts in the Park are presented by the Charles Loidans Foundation, Inc., and additional funding is provided by Fulton County Arts and Culture, the Georgia Council for the Arts, the National Endowment for the Arts and the City of Atlanta Mayor's Office of Cultural Affairs.

Tchaikovsky and More on June 12, will be led by ASO Music Director Robert Spano and will feature Christopher Theofanidis' *Rainbow Body*, Rossini's Overture to *The Barber of Seville* and Tchaikovsky's Fifth Symphony. The evening will begin with a pre-concert performance from the Atlanta Symphony Youth Orchestra (ASYO) at 6:30 p.m., conducted by ASO Associate Conductor and ASYO Music Director Stephen Mulligan.

On June 19, Mulligan returns to lead the ASO and an all-star lineup of vocalists from the opera world in a concert of Opera's Greatest Hits, featuring selections from *Carmen*, *La bohème*, *Porgy and Bess* and more. Vocalists for this performance will include soprano Jacqueline Echols, mezzo-soprano Tichina Vaughn, tenor Frederick Ballentine, baritone Nmon Ford and bass Morris Robinson.

“It is an honor to return to the stage at Piedmont Park to continue this beloved Atlantan tradition,” said Spano. “Since the first performances with Robert Shaw in 1976, Atlantans have been coming together each summer to share in their love of music and this great city. I am especially grateful to the Charles Loridans Foundation for its support in making not only one, but two, concerts possible this year.”

Admission is free and no tickets are required. More information is available at [aso.org/piedmontpark](http://aso.org/piedmontpark).

Additional program details:

### **Tchaikovsky and More**

Piedmont Park (Oak Hill), Atlanta, GA  
Wednesday, June 12, 2019 at 7:30 p.m.  
Robert Spano, conductor  
Atlanta Symphony Orchestra

CHRISTOPHER THEOFANIDIS: *Rainbow Body*  
ROSSINI: Overture to *Il Barbiere di Siviglia*  
TCHAIKOVSKY: Symphony No. 5

### **Opera's Greatest Hits**

Piedmont Park (Oak Hill), Atlanta, GA  
Wednesday, June 19, 2019, 7:30 p.m.  
Stephen Mulligan, conductor  
Jacqueline Echols, soprano  
Tichina Vaughn, mezzo-soprano  
Frederick Ballentine, tenor  
Nmon Ford, baritone  
Morris Robinson, bass  
Atlanta Symphony Orchestra

BIZET: “Votre toast, je peux vous le rendre” (Toreador Song) from *Carmen*

BIZET: “Habanera” (“L'amour est un oiseau rebelle”) from *Carmen*

MOZART: “O, wie will ich triumphieren” from *The Abduction from the Seraglio*

SMETANA (arr. Riesenfeld): “Dance of the Comedians” from *The Bartered Bride*

PUCCINI: Selections from *La bohème*

OFFENBACH (arr. McAllister): “Galop” (Can-Can) from *Orpheus in the Underworld*

OFFENBACH: “Barcarolle” (“Belle nuit”) from *The Tales of Hoffman*

BIZET: “Au fond du temple saint” from *Les pêcheurs de perles*

VERDI: “Bella figlia dell'amore” from *Rigoletto*

GERSHWIN: Selections from *Porgy and Bess*

### **Important Concert Information**

- Seating with a direct view of the stage is not guaranteed. Patrons are encouraged to arrive early, as seating is on a first-come, first-served basis. Concert begins at 7:30 p.m., Pre-concert featuring the Atlanta Symphony Youth Orchestra begins at 6:30 p.m.
- The performance will take place on Piedmont Park's Oak Hill, in the southwest corner of the park.
- There is limited parking at the Atlanta Botanical Gardens Parking Facility, adjacent to Piedmont Park. Patrons are encouraged to ride MARTA (Arts Center Station), walk, bike or take Lyft, the Woodruff Arts Center's Official ride share partner. A complimentary bike valet will be available near the Charles Allen Gate Entrance.
- Please avoid street parking in areas marked "Residential only" in the Midtown Garden District. Enforcement of the new residential permit parking is in effect. [Parking Map](#)
- Patrons may bring outside food and beverages into the concert area; however, grills, glass containers and outside alcoholic beverages are not permitted.
- Food truck vendors will be on site, and beer, wine and cocktails will be available for purchase.
- Pets are not permitted at this event. However, the Piedmont Park Dog Park will be open.
- In case of inclement weather, check [aso.org](http://aso.org) and ASO social media channels for updates.

### **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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