Cellist Yo-Yo Ma to perform

Celebrated cellist Yo-Yo Ma will perform at the 20th anniversary of the Atlanta Symphony Orchestra’s musical tribute to Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. on Jan. 12.

A King Celebration Concert 20th Anniversary takes place at 8 p.m. with Robert Spano conducting.

Yo-Yo Ma, whose body of work encompasses more than 75 albums, including more than 15 Grammy Award winners, was recognized at the Kennedy Center Honors awards in December along with Meryl Streep, Barbara Cook, Sonny Rollins and Neil Diamond.

His recordings include “Hush” with Bobby McFerrin, “Appalachia Waltz” and “Appalachian Journey” with Mark O’Connor and Edgar Meyer, and three albums with the Silk Road Ensemble.

His new album, “The Goat Rodeo Sessions,” with Edgar Meyer, Chris Thile and Stuart Duncan, was released last October. To commemorate his 30 years as a Sony recording artist, Sony released a box set of more than 90 of his albums.

Yo-Yo Ma was born in 1955 to Chinese parents living in Paris. He began to study the cello with his father at age 4 and moved with his family to New York shortly after. He attended the Juilliard School and Harvard University.

A King Celebration, which is usually performed annually at Morehouse College, King’s alma mater, takes place for the first time at Atlanta Symphony Hall at the Woodruff Arts Center, 1280 Peachtree St. N.E. in Atlanta. Tickets are $55 to $125. To purchase, visit www.atlantasymphony.org/ConcertsAndTickets/Schedule.aspx or call 404-733-4303.