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**GUEST CONDUCTOR ROBERTO ABBADO
TO LEAD ATLANTA SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA
APRIL 19, 20, and 21, 2012**

**Pianist Yuja Wang To Make Atlanta Symphony Debut
Playing Rachmaninov's Piano Concerto No. 3**

**Program To Also Include Kabalevsky's *The Comedians*
And Tchaikovsky's Serenade For Strings In C Major**

Guest conductor Roberto Abbado will lead the Atlanta Symphony Orchestra April 19, 20, and 21, 2012 at 8:00 p.m. in Atlanta Symphony Hall at the Woodruff Arts Center. Guest pianist Yuja Wang will make her Atlanta Symphony debut performing Rachmaninov's Piano Concerto No. 3. The program will also include Tchaikovsky's Serenade for Strings in C Major and the Atlanta Symphony Orchestra subscription premiere of Kabalevsky's *The Comedians*.

Twenty-three-year-old Chinese pianist Yuja Wang was named *Gramophone* magazine's Young Artist of the Year at the Classic FM Gramophone Awards in 2009. Ms. Wang has released two recordings on Deutsche Grammophon: her debut recording, *Sonatas & Etudes*, which was released in the spring of 2009, and a second recording, *Transformation*, which was released in the spring of 2010 and was selected by *Gramophone* magazine as the July 2010 Record of the Month.

About the Repertoire

KABALEVSKY

The Comedians

Dmitry Kabalevsky was a prolific and highly influential musician in 20th-century Russia. His compositions span a wide variety of genres, including operas, symphonies, concertos, and various other orchestral works, as well as choral and chamber music. Kabalevsky was also active as a writer, teacher and administrator... [\(more\)](#)

TCHAIKOVSKY

Serenade for Strings in C Major

His father was a mine inspector. He started piano studies at five and soon showed remarkable gifts; his childhood was also affected by an abnormal sensitivity. At ten he was sent to the School of

Jurisprudence at St. Petersburg, where the family lived for some time. His parting from his mother was painful; further, she died when he was 14 -- an event that may have stimulated him to compose... [\(more\)](#)

RACHMANINOV

Piano Concerto No. 3

Sergei Vasilievich Rachmaninoff, also Sergey Rachmaninov or Serge Rakhmaninov, (April 1, 1873 – March 28, 1943) was a Russian composer, pianist, and conductor. Born in Semyonovo, near Novgorod into a wealthy family with a strong military background, Rachmaninoff had his first piano lessons with his mother at the family estate at Oneg... [\(more\)](#)

About the Artists

Acclaimed as "a conductor you want to hear again and again," **Roberto Abbado's** crisp, dramatic music-making, instinctive lyricism and evocative command of varied composers and styles have made him an esteemed conductor among orchestras and opera companies today. He is both a sophisticated and energetic conductor... [\(more\)](#)

Twenty-three year old Chinese **pianist Yuja Wang** is widely recognized for playing that combines the spontaneity and fearless imagination of youth with the discipline and precision of a mature artist. Regularly lauded for her controlled, prodigious technique, Yuja's command of the piano has been described as "astounding" and "superhuman,"... [\(more\)](#)

About the Atlanta Symphony Orchestra

The **Atlanta Symphony Orchestra**, currently in its 67th season, consistently affirms its position as one of America's leading Orchestras by performing great music, presenting great artists, educating, and engaging... [\(more\)](#)

Concert Previews

Audiences have the opportunity to learn more about the music they'll be hearing at concerts with free [Concert Previews](#) given by composers, conductors, educators, and musical experts, all hosted by [ASO Insider and Program Annotator Ken Meltzer](#). Thursday evenings, 7:00–7:30 p.m. in Symphony Hall (unless otherwise noted). Concerts previews are **free and open to all concert ticket holders**. Speakers and locations are subject to change.

Fanfare Pre-Concert Dinner Buffet

An Atlanta Symphony tradition returns in the 2011–2012 season — *Fanfare*, the pre-concert buffet-style dining by Legendary Partners, will be available to all concertgoers at all evening Delta Classical, Superpops!, and the Cola-Cola Holiday concert performances from 6:00–8:00 p.m. ... [\(more\)](#)

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This concert is part of the Delta Classical Concert Series. **Delta Air Lines** is the Official Airline of the Atlanta Symphony Orchestra.

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Single tickets for these performances are \$21 to \$79. All single tickets for the 2011–2012 season are on sale now, and available online at atlantasymphony.org, or by calling (404) 733-5000. Tickets may also be purchased at www.ticketmaster.com, all ticketmaster outlets, and the [Woodruff Arts Center Box](#)

[Office](#), located in the Woodruff Arts Center at 15th and Peachtree Streets. Box office hours are Monday 10:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.; Tuesday through Friday 10:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.; and Saturday and Sunday 12:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.

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ROBERTO ABBADO AND YUJA WANG

Delta Classical Series

Atlanta Symphony Hall, Memorial Arts Building, Woodruff Arts Center

Thursday, April 19, 2012, 8:00 p.m.

Friday, April 20, 2012, 8:00 p.m.

Saturday, April 21, 2012, 8:00 p.m.

Roberto Abbado, conductor

Yuja Wang, piano*

KABALEVSKY
TCHAIKOVSKY
RACHMANINOV

The Comedians **
Serenade for Strings in C Major
Piano Concerto No. 3

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