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**ATLANTA SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA TO PERFORM GLUCK'S
ORFEO ED EURIDICE FEATURING COUNTERTENOR DAVID DANIELS**

PRINCIPAL FLUTE CHRISTINA SMITH TO PERFORM JOLIVET'S FLUTE CONCERTO

ATLANTA – The GRAMMY® Award-winning [Atlanta Symphony Orchestra](http://atlantasymphony.org) (ASO) will start out the month of May with guest conductor [Nicholas McGegan](#) leading Mozart's *Eine kleine Nachtmusik*, Rameau's Suite from *Les Indes galantes* and Haydn's Symphony No. 104, "London" on [May 4 and 6](#) in Atlanta Symphony Hall.

On [May 5](#), Nicholas McGegan will also lead a special Casual Friday performance featuring Associate Principal Cello [Daniel Laufer](#) playing Couperin. The hour-long concert in Atlanta Symphony Hall begins at 6:30 p.m. The Orchestra, McGegan and Laufer will perform the program again on [May 7](#) at the Madison Morgan Cultural Center in Madison, GA.

On [May 11 and 13](#), Music Director [Robert Spano](#) will conduct Gluck's operatic masterpiece, *Orfeo ed Euridice*. Countertenor [David Daniels](#) will star in the title role of Orfeo and will be joined by [Susanna Phillips](#) as Euridice, [Janai Brugger](#) as Amore, the Orchestra and the Atlanta Symphony Orchestra Chamber Chorus. Choreographer [Lauri Stallings](#) will collaborate closely with Stage Director [James Alexander](#) and scenographer [Daniel Arsham](#) to bring to life the rich dance element of Gluck's *Orfeo ed Euridice*, utilizing the [moving artists of glo](#).

The Atlanta Symphony Youth Orchestra will hold its *Finale* Concert in Symphony Hall on [May 14](#), 3:00 p.m. The program will be led by ASYO Music Director [Joseph Young](#) and will feature pianist [Raffi Besalyn](#). Tickets are only \$10, an affordable and delightful way to spend Mother's Day with the family.

Principal Pops Conductor [Michael Krajewski](#) will conduct An Orchestra Tribute to the Music of Elvis Presley, [May 19 and 20](#). The performance will feature vocalists [Dave Bennett](#) and [Allison Blackwell](#) and the Orchestra celebrating the life and musical legacy of "the King" featuring many of his greatest hits.

Principal Flute [Christina Smith](#) will perform Jolivet's Flute Concerto, led by Principal Guest Conductor [Donald Runnicles](#), on [May 25 and 27](#). The concerts will also include Debussy's *Nocturnes* and Fauré's *Requiem* and will feature the Orchestra, Chorus and vocalists [Kim-Lillian Strebel](#) and [Matthew Worth](#). Special thanks to Atlanta's Anne Barge for designing Christina's gown for the weekend's concerts.

Additional details, including event times, for each April 2017 performance include:

Nicholas McGegan Leads the Atlanta Symphony Orchestra in Mozart, Rameau and Haydn

Atlanta Symphony Hall, Memorial Arts Building, Woodruff Arts Center

Thursday, May 4, 2017, 8:00 p.m.

Saturday, May 6, 2017, 8:00 p.m.

Nicholas McGegan, conductor

Atlanta Symphony Orchestra

MOZART: *Eine kleine Nachtmusik*

RAMEAU: Suite from *Les Indes galantes*

HAYDN: Symphony No. 104, "London"

CASUAL FRIDAYS WITH THE ASO

Nicholas McGegan Leads a Program Featuring Mozart and Haydn; Associate Principal Cello Daniel Laufer Plays Couperin

Atlanta Symphony Hall, Memorial Arts Building, Woodruff Arts Center

Friday, May 5, 2017, 6:30 p.m.

Nicholas McGegan, conductor

Daniel Laufer, cello

Atlanta Symphony Orchestra

MOZART: *Eine kleine Nachtmusik*

COUPERIN (arr. Bazelaire): *Pièces en concert* for Cello and Strings

HAYDN: Symphony No. 104, "London"

Nicholas McGegan Leads the Atlanta Symphony Orchestra in Mozart and Haydn; Associate Principal Cello Daniel Laufer Plays Couperin

Madison Morgan Cultural Center – Madison, GA

Sunday, May 7, 2017, 3:00 p.m.

Nicholas McGegan, conductor

Daniel Laufer, cello

Atlanta Symphony Orchestra

MOZART: *Eine kleine Nachtmusik*

COUPERIN (arr. Bazelaire): *Pièces en concert* for Cello and Strings

HAYDN: Symphony No. 104, "London"

Robert Spano Leads the Atlanta Symphony Orchestra Debut of Gluck's *Orfeo* with David Daniels

Atlanta Symphony Hall, Memorial Arts Building, Woodruff Arts Center

Thursday, May 11, 2017, 8:00 p.m.

Saturday, May 13, 2017, 8:00 p.m.

Robert Spano, conductor

David Daniels, Orfeo

Susanna Phillips, Euridice

Heidi Stober, Amore

Atlanta Symphony Orchestra Chorus

Atlanta Symphony Orchestra

GLUCK: *Orfeo ed Euridice*

Atlanta Symphony Youth Orchestra *Finale* Concert

Atlanta Symphony Hall, Memorial Arts Building, Woodruff Arts Center

Sunday, May 14, 2017, 3:00 p.m.

Joseph Young, conductor

Atlanta Symphony Youth Orchestra

RACHMANINOV: Piano Concerto No. 2

RESPIGHI: *Pines of Rome*

MÁRQUEZ: *Danzón No. 2*

An Orchestral Tribute to the Music of the King, Elvis Presley - Delta POPS Series

Atlanta Symphony Hall, Memorial Arts Building, Woodruff Arts Center

Friday, May 19, 2017, 8:00 p.m.

Saturday, May 20, 2017, 8:00 p.m.

Michael Krajewski, conductor

Dave Bennett, vocalist

Allison Blackwell, vocalist

Atlanta Symphony Orchestra

Donald Runnicles Leads an All-French Program Featuring Debussy and Fauré; Christina Smith Performs the Atlanta Symphony Premiere of Jolivet's Flute Concerto - Delta Classical Series

Atlanta Symphony Hall, Memorial Arts Building, Woodruff Arts Center

Thursday, May 25, 2017, 8:00 p.m.*

Saturday, May 27, 2017, 8:00 p.m.

Donald Runnicles, conductor

Christina Smith, flute

Kim-Lillian Strebelt, soprano

Matthew Worth, baritone

Atlanta Symphony Orchestra Chorus

Atlanta Symphony Orchestra

DEBUSSY: *Nocturnes*

JOLIVET: Flute Concerto ‡

FAURÉ: *Requiem*

**Thursday evening includes a pre-concert chamber music recital at 6:45 p.m. in Atlanta Symphony Hall. Free for all ticket holders for the May 25 and 27, 2017, concerts.*

Tickets to all Atlanta Symphony Orchestra performances at Atlanta Symphony Hall are available online at AtlantaSymphony.org or by calling 404-733-5000. Tickets may also be purchased at the [Woodruff Arts Center Box Office](#), located in the Woodruff Arts Center at 15th and Peachtree Streets. Box office hours are Tuesday through Saturday noon to 6 p.m. and Sunday noon to 5 p.m.

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