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**ATLANTA SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA PRESENTS A REPRIS OF  
CHRISTOPHER THEOFANIDIS' *CREATION/CREATOR* IN MARCH**

**ATLANTA SYMPHONY YOUTH ORCHESTRA TO HOLD TWO  
PERFORMANCES IN SYMPHONY HALL**

**ATLANTA** – The Grammy® Award-winning [Atlanta Symphony Orchestra](#) (ASO) will appear on local and national stages during the month of March, including a prestigious end-of-month performance at The Kennedy Center in Washington, D.C.

Music Director [Robert Spano](#) will lead the ASO premiere of Christopher Theofandis' *Dreamtime Ancestors* and violin virtuoso Benjamin Beilman performing Sibelius' Violin Concerto on [March 2 and 4](#) at Atlanta Symphony Hall.

On [March 9 and 11](#), Conductor [Michael Stern](#) will lead a weekend of Russian masters featuring pianist [Marc-André Hamelin](#) performing the ASO premiere of Medtner's Second Piano Concerto with Shostakovich's *Festive Overture* and Tchaikovsky's Symphony No. 4. The Casual Friday series will continue on [March 10](#) with an hour long performance featuring the Shostakovich and Tchaikovsky pieces.

The Family Concert Series will present *Peter & the Wolf* and Friends [Michael Palmer](#) conducting the Prokofiev favorite as well as Rimsky-Korsakov's *Flight of the Bumblebee* and more on [March 12](#) at 3 p.m. The program will be presented at an encore matinee at Kennesaw State University's Bailey Performance Center on [March 25](#).

Principal Pops Conductor [Michael Krajewski](#) will lead a festive St. Patrick's Day program on [March 17 and 18](#) with a special performance by the Grammy®-nominated Irish-American group [Cherish the Ladies](#), one of the world's top Celtic bands.

On [March 19](#) the Atlanta Symphony Youth Orchestra (ASYO) will present its *Crescendo* Concert with ASYO Music Director [Joseph Young](#) conducting Mussorgsky/Ravel's *Pictures at an Exhibition*. [March 29](#) will feature both the ASO and ASYO for the Side-by-Side Concert lead by Young, providing student musicians the opportunity to sit with and learn from ASO musicians leading up to the concert.

The Orchestra wraps up March with an all-star reprise of Christopher Theofandis' *Creation/Creator* in Atlanta Symphony Hall lead by Spano and featuring soprano [Jessica Rivera](#), mezzo-soprano [Sasha Cooke](#),

tenor [Thomas Cooley](#), baritone [Nmon Ford](#), bass [Evan Boyer](#) and narrators [Shannon Eubanks](#) and [Steven Cole](#), as well as the ASO Chorus on [March 23 and March 25](#). Special scenography will be designed by the Woodruff Arts Center's 2016-17 Phil Kent Creative Fellow [Daniel Arsham](#) and stage direction will be provided by [James Alexander](#). The same ensemble will perform *Creation/Creator* at the 2017 SHIFT: A Festival of American Orchestras at The Kennedy Center in Washington, D.C. on [March 31](#).

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

**Robert Spano Leads the Atlanta Symphony Orchestra Premiere of Christopher Theofanidis' *Dreamtime Ancestors*; Violin Virtuoso Benjamin Beilman Performs Sibelius - Delta Classical Series**

Atlanta Symphony Hall, Memorial Arts Building, Woodruff Arts Center

Thursday, March 2, 2017, 8 p.m.

Saturday, March 4, 2017, 8 p.m.

Robert Spano, conductor

Benjamin Beilman, violin

Atlanta Symphony Orchestra

CHRISTOPHER THEOFANIDIS     *Dreamtime Ancestors* ‡

SIBELIUS                             Violin Concerto

ADAMS                                 *Harmonielehre*

**Conductor Michael Stern Leads a Weekend Of Russian Masters Featuring Pianist Marc-André Hamelin Performing The Atlanta Symphony Premiere of Medtner's Second Piano Concerto - Delta Classical Series**

Atlanta Symphony Hall, Memorial Arts Building, Woodruff Arts Center

Thursday, March 9, 2017, 8 p.m.

Saturday, March 11, 2017, 8 p.m.

Michael Stern, conductor

Marc-André Hamelin, piano

Atlanta Symphony Orchestra

SHOSTAKOVICH                     *Festive Overture*

MEDTNER                             Piano Concerto No. 2 ‡

TCHAIKOVSKY                     Symphony No. 4

**CASUAL FRIDAYS WITH THE ASO**

**Conductor Michael Stern Leads a Weekend of Russian Masters - Delta Classical Series**

Atlanta Symphony Hall, Memorial Arts Building, Woodruff Arts Center

Friday, March 10, 2017, 6:30 p.m.

Michael Stern, conductor

Atlanta Symphony Orchestra

SHOSTAKOVICH                     *Festive Overture*

TCHAIKOVSKY                     Symphony No. 4

***Peter & the Wolf* and Friends - Family Concert Series**

Atlanta Symphony Hall, Memorial Arts Building, Woodruff Arts Center

Sunday, March 12, 2017, 3 p.m.  
Michael Palmer, conductor  
Atlanta Symphony Orchestra

RIMSKY-KORSAKOV	<i>Flight of the Bumblebee</i>
SAINT-SAËNS	"Elephant" from <i>Carnival of the Animals</i> (arr. Kurth)
COPLAND	"I Bought Me a Cat"
PROKOFIEV	<i>Peter and the Wolf</i>

**Celebrate St. Patrick's Day with the ASO and Cherish The Ladies - Delta POPS! Series**

Atlanta Symphony Hall, Memorial Arts Building, Woodruff Arts Center  
Friday, March 17, 2017, 8 p.m.  
Saturday, March 18, 2017, 2 p.m. (75-minute performance)  
Saturday, March 18, 2017, 8 p.m.  
Cherish The Ladies, vocals  
Michael Krajewski, conductor  
Atlanta Symphony Orchestra

**Atlanta Symphony Youth Orchestra *Crescendo* Concert**

Atlanta Symphony Hall, Memorial Arts Building, Woodruff Arts Center  
Sunday, March 19, 2017, 3 p.m.  
Joseph Young, conductor  
Atlanta Symphony Youth Orchestra

MUSSORGSKY/RAVEL	<i>Pictures at an Exhibition</i>
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***Peter & the Wolf* and Friends - Family Concert Series**

Bailey Performance Center, Kennesaw State University – Kennesaw, GA  
Sunday, March 25, 2017, 2 p.m.  
Michael Palmer, conductor  
Atlanta Symphony Orchestra

RIMSKY-KORSAKOV	<i>Flight of the Bumblebee</i>
SAINT-SAËNS	"Elephant" from <i>Carnival of the Animals</i> (arr. Kurth)
COPLAND	"I Bought Me a Cat"
PROKOFIEV	<i>Peter and the Wolf</i>

**Robert Spano Leads Christopher Theofanidis' *Creation/Creator* with an All-Star Cast - Delta Classical Series**

Atlanta Symphony Hall, Memorial Arts Building, Woodruff Arts Center  
Thursday, March 23, 2017, 8 p.m.  
Saturday, March 25, 2017, 8 p.m.  
Robert Spano, conductor  
Jessica Rivera, soprano  
Sasha Cooke, mezzo-soprano \*  
Thomas Cooley, tenor  
Nmon Ford, baritone  
Evan Boyer, bass

Steven Cole, narrator  
Shannon Eubanks, narrator  
Daniel Arsham, scenography  
James Alexander, stage direction  
Atlanta Symphony Orchestra Chorus  
Atlanta Symphony Orchestra  
CHRISTOPHER THEOFANIDIS *Creation/Creator*

**Side-By-Side Concert Featuring the Atlanta Symphony Orchestra and the Atlanta Symphony Youth Orchestra**

Atlanta Symphony Hall, Memorial Arts Building, Woodruff Arts Center  
Wednesday, March 29, 2017, 8 p.m.  
Joseph Young, conductor  
Atlanta Symphony Youth Orchestra  
Atlanta Symphony Orchestra

**Robert Spano Leads Christopher Theofanidis' *Creation/Creator* with an All-Star Cast at the 2017 SHIFT Festival**

SHIFT Festival, Kennedy Center, Washington, D.C.  
Friday, March 31, 2017 at 7:30 p.m.  
Robert Spano, conductor  
Jessica Rivera, soprano  
Sasha Cook, mezzo-soprano  
Thomas Cooley, tenor  
Nmon Ford, baritone  
Evan Boyer, bass  
Steven Cole, narrator  
Daniel Arsham, scenography  
James Alexander, stage direction  
Shannon Eubanks, narrator  
Atlanta Symphony Orchestra Chorus  
Atlanta Symphony Orchestra  
CHRISTOPHER THEOFANIDIS *Creation/Creator*

\* *denotes Atlanta Symphony Orchestra debut*

‡ *denotes Atlanta Symphony Orchestra premiere*

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**About the Atlanta Symphony Orchestra**

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