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**MUSIC DIRECTOR ROBERT SPANO AND
THE ATLANTA SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA
ANNOUNCE TWO NEW MUSICIANS**

ATLANTA – The Grammy® Award-winning Atlanta Symphony Orchestra is pleased to announce its two newest Orchestra members, Gina Hughes, piccolo and flute, and Samuel Schlosser, Principal Trombone.

Prior to joining the Atlanta Symphony Orchestra, Gina Hughes served as acting second flute for the Houston Symphony and can be heard on their recent recording of Dvořák's Eighth Symphony. Hughes has performed with the Dallas Symphony, Louisiana Philharmonic and the Central City Opera.

Hughes completed her undergraduate degree at the Manhattan School of Music with Robert Langevin, Principal Flutist of the New York Philharmonic, and received her master's degree from Rice University with Leone Buyse of the Boston Symphony Orchestra.

"It is a dream come true to become a member of the world-class Atlanta Symphony Orchestra," said Hughes. "I am especially excited to be able to share this experience with my family and friends who live in this wonderful city."

Samuel Schlosser joined the Atlanta Symphony Orchestra as Principal Trombone in Dec. 2016. Prior to this appointment, he served as Principal Trombone for the San Francisco Opera Orchestra. He has also served as a member of the Cincinnati Symphony Orchestra and the Milwaukee Symphony Orchestra.

Schlosser received his formal training from the Curtis Institute of Music in Philadelphia, where he was a student of Nitzan Haroz, Principal Trombone of the Philadelphia Orchestra.

"It is an honor to join the talented musicians of the Atlanta Symphony Orchestra," said Schlosser. "I'm very much looking forward to exploring the vibrant city of Atlanta and creating music here!"

Hughes and Schlosser are the seventh and eighth new musicians hired to return the Atlanta Symphony Orchestra to a complement of 88 musicians, thanks to the [early success](#) of the \$25 million Musicians' Endowment Campaign.

About the Atlanta Symphony Orchestra

Celebrating its 72nd 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

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