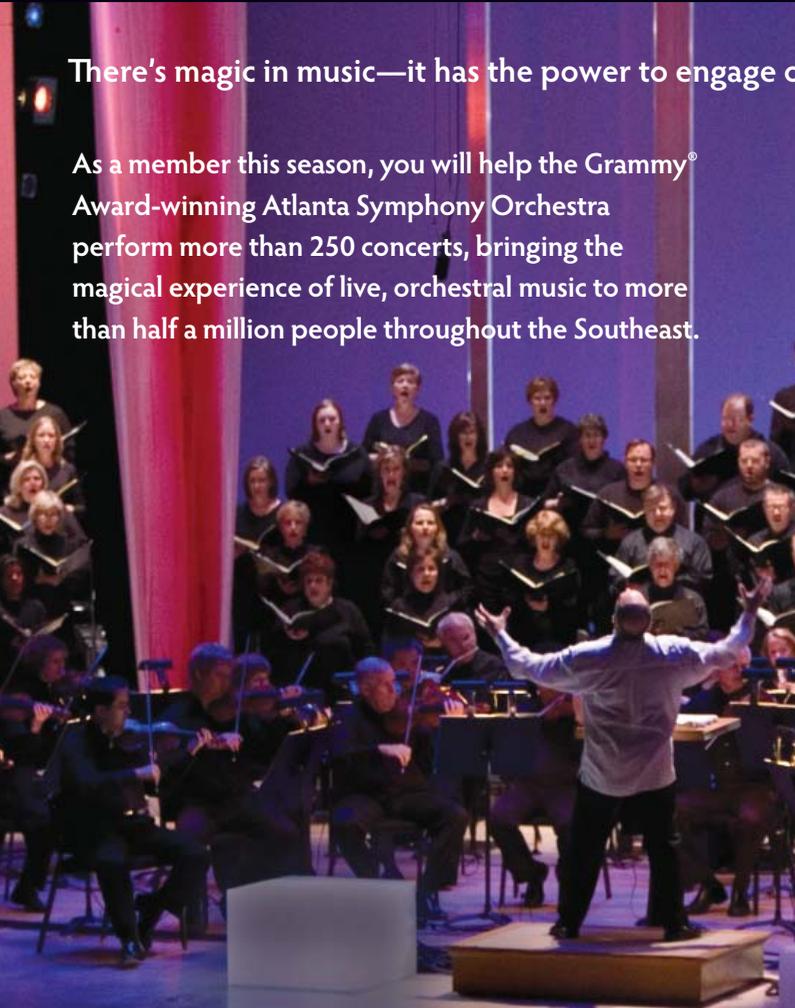


A MAGICAL SEASON MAKE IT HAPPEN

There's magic in music—it has the power to engage our minds, our hearts, our souls.

As a member this season, you will help the Grammy® Award-winning Atlanta Symphony Orchestra perform more than 250 concerts, bringing the magical experience of live, orchestral music to more than half a million people throughout the Southeast.



The 2008-2009 season features a diverse repertoire that ranges from Bach, Brahms, and Beethoven to the "American Originals" Festival, including a performance of John Adams' *Dr. Atomic*. Other highlights include Haydn's *The Creation*, featuring an ASO Theatre of a Concert installation by set designer Anne Patterson, and the "Música Ardiente" Festival with Miguel Harth-Bedoya.

Renowned guests artists will join the ASO this season, among them **Yo-Yo Ma, Joshua Bell,** and **Wynton Marsalis**, as well as conductors **Leonard Slatkin** and **Itzhak Perlman**. We're equally proud to present the world premiere of Christopher Theofanidis' new symphony and the Atlanta premiere of Jennifer Higdon's "The Singing Rooms"—an ASO commission and co-commission, respectively.

Music Director ROBERT SPANO

Musical America's 2008 Conductor of the Year



In recognition of his artistic leadership, imaginative programming, and deep commitment to contemporary

music, Robert Spano was named 2008 Conductor of the Year by *Musical America*. The nation's oldest and largest performing arts directory, *Musical America* has recognized outstanding achievement in classical music since 1960, when Leonard Bernstein received their first award for Musician of the Year.

With ticket sales covering only 50% of the ASO's total budget, membership contributions help bridge the gap. Your generous support will enable the ASO to move forward this season with confidence, bringing great music to a growing and diverse audience and helping every patron, young and young-at-heart, more fully appreciate the magical experience of orchestral music performed live.



Your membership sustains the many roles the ASO plays in our community and in the world of music—as performer, presenter, commissioning agent, educator, community partner, and ambassador for Atlanta and Georgia. A strong 2008-2009 Annual Fund will provide a crucial foundation of support that will allow the ASO to flourish this season and for years to come.

Cultural Leaders of the South

The ASO is considered one of America's leading orchestras, known for the excellence of its live performances, renowned choruses, innovative programming, and its impressive list of Grammy® Award-winning recordings. The foremost cultural institution in the southeast, the ASO serves as the cornerstone for artistic development and music education in the region.



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In 2000, the Atlanta Symphony Orchestra established the Creative Partnership with Music Director Robert Spano and Principal Guest Conductor Donald Runnicles. This groundbreaking leadership model, now recognized worldwide, has launched an era of unparalleled artistic achievement, increased ticket sales, organizational growth, and international renown.

Creating a uniquely American orchestra for the 21st century, the Creative Partnership is fueled by a commitment to make classical music increasingly accessible and meaningful to a growing audience on stage, in the classroom, throughout the community, and beyond. With the generous support of our members, the ASO is reaching more people than ever before.

Your contribution will help the ASO share their magnificent music-making in concert, on tour, in recordings, and through radio broadcasts. With 26 Grammy® Awards already in hand, the ASO will record three new recordings with Telarc this

season— a second all-Strauss recording conducted by Donald Runnicles, and two conducted by Robert Spano, featuring new works by members of the Atlanta School of Composers, the ASO's continued commitment to perform, commission, premiere and record great American composers of the 21st century.

AS A MEMBER, YOU MAKE IT HAPPEN:

- More than 250 Concerts Year-Round
- Grammy® Award-winning all-volunteer ASO Chorus
- Classical, Contemporary & Popular Repertoire
- ASO Commissions & Premieres
- World-Renowned Guest Artists

- Distinguished Guest Conductors
- Tours & Recordings
- Radio Broadcasts



The ASO is the first U.S. orchestra to annually perform and present in its concert hall, and in two amphitheaters. Verizon Wireless Amphitheatre at Encore Park opened to rave reviews in May 2008. This 12,000-seat venue will help the ASO reach new audiences and will host classical performances, popular concerts, and community, educational, and family events. In summer 2008, the Orchestra celebrated 35 years at legendary Chastain Park Amphitheater, the award-winning 6,500 seat venue in Atlanta, where the ASO presents the Delta Classic Chastain concert series—a perennial Atlanta summer tradition.



“The ASO under Spano’s direction is the crown jewel in Atlanta’s performing-arts community, and a standout in American symphony circles.” - CNN



The Learning Community, the ASO's education and community engagement programming, will share the magic of music with thousands throughout this season. Young People's Concerts, the Sound Learning Program and Family Concerts will reach more than 50,000 young people alone, sparking a lifelong interest in music and cultivating the musicians and audiences of the future.

The ASO is proud to take the lead in mentoring young musicians in our community. With programs such as the highly-acclaimed Atlanta Symphony Youth Orchestra, ASO Youth Chamber Music Program, Master Classes, and the Talent Development Program, the ASO offers talented young musicians training and pre-professional experience of the highest caliber.

A network of community partnerships and engagement programs, among them ASO Around Georgia

and the Starbucks Free Parks concert series, bring great music to locations throughout Georgia, and programs such as Starbucks Lectures of Note help adults learn more about the season and the music they love.

AS A MEMBER, YOU MAKE IT HAPPEN:

- Young People's Concerts
- Sound Learning Program
- Family Concerts
- Talent Development Program
- Atlanta Symphony Youth Orchestra
- ASO Youth Chamber Music Program
- Starbucks Free Parks Concerts & ASO Around Georgia
- ASO in the Community
- A King Celebration
- National Black Arts Festival Concert
- Sphinx Artists' Concert

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