



El Niño Blows into Atlanta

- *Latin American Community Celebrates City's Cultural Offerings* -

ATLANTA (May 16, 2003) – Experience the sounds of Pulitzer Prize-winning composer John Adams and taste the flavor of Atlanta's vibrant Latin culture as *El Niño* hits Atlanta. Running May 29-31, Atlanta's Latin American community will celebrate cultural and culinary offerings throughout the city in conjunction with the Southeastern premiere of Adams' epic work, *El Niño*.

The Grammy award-winning Atlanta Symphony Orchestra (ASO) will perform Adams' sweeping and lyrical retelling of the Nativity story. The semi-staged production of *El Niño* bears many gifts: medieval carolers, Latin American poets, the ASO Chorus and a compelling contemporary sound. The work will be performed in English with Spanish subtitles at Symphony Hall in the Woodruff Arts Center.

Celebrating the premiere of *El Niño* and in partnership with the Woodruff Arts Center's (WAC) "Celebrate Diversity Through the Arts" initiative, The Mexican Center of Atlanta will display its annual Virgin of Guadalupe art exhibit in the WAC Galleria, just outside of Atlanta Symphony Hall. This exhibit will feature contest participants and winners of the Mexican Center's popular, annual art contest honoring the Virgin of Guadalupe.

Along with this special performance, the Atlanta Convention and Visitors Bureau (ACVB) has collaborated with some of Atlanta's top restaurants to offer special promotional deals with the presentation of an *El Niño* ticket stub. Participating restaurants include Agave, Balance, Gilberts Mediterranean Cafe, La Tavola Trattoria, Madison Grill, Noche, One Midtown Kitchen, Park Tavern Brewery and Restaurant, Sala, South City Kitchen, The Food Studio and Tierra. Reservations are recommended and guests can inquire about promotion details by contacting the restaurant directly.

For more information regarding events surrounding *El Niño*, visit www.atlantasymphony.org or contact The Mexican Center of Atlanta, 678.281.0520.

Contact information and special offers:

Agave, 242 Boulevard, 404.588.0006, www.agaverestaurant.com
20 percent off entire meal

Balance, 980 Piedmont Avenue, 404.870.9881, www.balance-restaurant.com
Free glass of House wine with purchase of an entrée

Gilberts Mediterranean Cafe, 219 10th Street, 404.872.8012, www.gilbertscafe.com

Free glass of House wine with purchase of an entrée

La Tavola Trattoria, 992 Virginia Avenue, 404.873.5430, www.latavolatrattoria.com

Free dessert with purchase of a brunch or dinner entrée

Madison Grill, 1375 Peachtree Street, 404.475.1188, www.madgrill.com

Free appetizer with purchase of two entrées

Noche, 1000 Virginia Avenue, 404.815.9155, www.noche-atlanta.com

Free dessert with purchase of an entrée

One Midtown Kitchen, 559 Dutch Valley Road, 404.892.4111,

www.onemidtownkitchen.com

Free dessert with purchase of an entrée

Park Tavern Brewery and Restaurant, 500 10th Street, 404.249.0001,

www.parktavern.com

Free dessert with purchase of an entrée

Sala, 1186 North Highland Avenue, 404.872.7203, www.sala-atlanta.com

Free dessert with purchase of a dinner entrée

South City Kitchen, 1144 Crescent Avenue, 404.873.7358, www.southcitykitchen.com

Free dessert with purchase of a brunch or dinner entrée

The Food Studio, 887 West Marietta Street, 404.815.6677, www.thefoodstudio.com

Free dessert with purchase of an entrée

Tierra, 1425 Piedmont Avenue, 404.875.5951, www.tierrarestaurant.com

Free dessert with purchase of an entrée

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