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THE ATLANTA OPERA TO OFFER AUDIO DESCRIPTIONS OF SUNDAY MATINEE PERFORMANCES

Beginning this month, The Atlanta Opera will offer audio descriptions of its Sunday matinee performances for blind and visually impaired patrons. This service will be offered for the Sunday matinee of *Così fan tutte* on April 17 at 3 p.m., and will be offered for all Sunday matinee performances in the 2011-2012 season. Audio Descriptions are audio-visual translations by a narrator of everything occurring on stage. The patron listens to the descriptions with complimentary audio equipment provided at the Cobb Energy Centre. The audio description is free for ticket holders, but must be requested in advance. To make an audio-description request, please contact Atlanta Opera Ticketing Services at 404.881.8885, Monday-Friday, 9 a.m.-5 p.m. The deadline to request audio descriptions for *Così fan tutte* is Wednesday, April 13. *Così fan tutte* performance tickets can be purchased at 404-881-8885 or www.atlantaopera.org.

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About The Atlanta Opera

Founded in 1979, The Atlanta Opera is one of the finest regional opera companies in the nation, drawing audiences from the entire metropolitan Atlanta area as well as from the Southeast region. Led by Zurich General Director Dennis Hanthorn, The Atlanta Opera strives to expand the experience of its patrons with memorable and exciting opera performances reflecting the highest musical and theatrical standards, while supporting community and educational programs. The company also works to attract the finest international, national, and regional singers, conductors, stage directors and designers. Each season The Atlanta Opera presents three productions with four performances each at the Cobb Energy Centre.

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