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ATLANTA OPERA ANNOUNCES NEW MUSIC DIRECTOR

ATLANTA — **Arthur Fagen** will become the Atlanta Opera's music director, starting next month.

As music director, Fagen will conduct up to two productions each season beginning with the 2011-12 season. In addition to Maestro Fagen's conducting duties, he will be responsible for building and developing The Atlanta Opera Orchestra and for assisting Atlanta Opera's Zurich General Director **Dennis Hanthorn** with auditions to fill any vacant orchestra positions.

Fagen has had an extensive history with The Atlanta Opera that includes critically acclaimed productions of "La traviata," "Turandot" and "Cold Sassy Tree." Fagen studied at Wesleyan University and Curtis Institute and his teachers were **Max Rudolf, Hans Swarowsky** and **Laszlo Halasz**. He has served as Principal Conductor in Kassel and Brunswick, as Chief Conductor of the Flanders Opera of Antwerp and Ghent, as Music Director of the Queens Symphony Orchestra and as a member of the conducting staff of the Lyric Opera of Chicago and Metropolitan Opera.