

Robert Spano is recognized as one of the brightest and most imaginative conductors of his generation. As music director of the Atlanta Symphony Orchestra, he is responsible for nurturing and expanding the careers of numerous classically trained composers, conductors, and performers. In his distinguished career as music director of the Aspen Music Festival and School, he oversees the programming of more than 300 events and educational programs, including the Aspen Conducting Academy. The Atlanta School of Composers reflects Mr. Spano's commitment to American contemporary music. He has led ASO performances at Carnegie Hall, Lincoln Center, Kennedy Center, and the Ravinia, Ojai, and Savannah music festivals, and he holds a conductor residency with the Colburn School Orchestra in Los Angeles. As a pianist, he joined Wu Han and Alessio Bax for a program of piano masterworks as part of the Chamber Music Society of Lincoln Center's residency at the University of Georgia. With a critically acclaimed discography for Telarc, Deutsche Grammophon, and ASO Media, Robert Spano has won six Grammy Awards with the ASO. He is on faculty at Oberlin Conservatory and has received honorary doctorates from Bowling Green State University, Curtis Institute of Music, Emory University, and Oberlin. Maestro Spano is one of two classical musicians inducted into the Georgia Music Hall of Fame.