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ATLANTA'S LEGENDARY ROBERT SHAW PREMIERS AGAIN
WITH NEW DOCUMENTARY

Atlanta, GA – March 9, 2016 – A new documentary film focusing on the legendary conductor and choral director, Robert Shaw, will premier April 24th at the Woodruff Arts Center in Midtown Atlanta.

Winner of numerous awards, Mr. Shaw was the music director the Atlanta Symphony Orchestra and the founder of the celebrated, all-volunteer ASO Chorus. The film, several years in the making, utilizes a vast archive of photo, sound and motion picture images to explore Mr. Shaw's highly unusual career path and his unmatched legacy on the world of music and on choral music in particular. The premier is timed to align with what would have been Mr. Shaw's 100th birthday.

View the trailer for the film at: <https://vimeo.com/138375236>

Emmy Award winning actor, David Hyde Pierce, narrates the film from Mr. Shaw's modest beginnings through his improbable but meteoric rise to national stardom and international acclaim. The choral world's fascination with Robert Shaw's techniques are only slightly matched by the music world's celebration of the sounds he was able to create. 16 Grammy Awards plus the first classical "Gold Album", selling more than one million copies, attest to his 60 year career.

Robert Shaw's impact went beyond the musical and into civil rights as well. The film explores his forays into the South with racially integrated choruses as well as his reasonings for bringing his already impressive musical influence to Atlanta in the 1960s.

David Hyde Pierce is known largely for playing the psychiatrist Dr. Niles Crane on the NBC sitcom Frasier, for which he won four Primetime Emmy Awards for Outstanding Supporting Actor in a Comedy Series. Just as Robert Shaw was known for his distinctive and passionate choral direction, Mr. Pierce is known for his distinctive voice and often does voice work.

Tickets can be purchased at: <http://www.atlantasympphony.org/ConcertsAndTickets/Calendar/2015-2016/Robert-Shaw-Film-Documentary>

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