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Hartsfield-Jackson Celebrates Pianos for Peace Festival
Closing ceremony to feature music, special announcement

ATLANTA – Hartsfield-Jackson Atlanta International Airport (ATL) officials will close the inaugural Pianos for Peace Festival in musical fashion Friday, Sept. 30 in the Airport’s Domestic Terminal Atrium. The project, which placed 29 pianos in public spaces across metro Atlanta, was the brainchild of Malek Jandali, a Syrian native who has seen firsthand the effects of war. Jandali hoped to use the Pianos for Peace Festival to bring people together by allowing anyone to play the instruments in heavily trafficked locations across the city. During the month-long festival, musicians of all skillsets sat down at the ATL pianos, placed in both the Domestic and International terminals, to perform for travelers making their way through the world’s busiest airport.

Friday’s event will feature performances from professional musicians, the young daughter of an artist commissioned to paint one of the pianos used in the festival, and two area school musical groups. Officials will also announce which local schools have received pianos donated by festival organizers.

- WHAT:** Pianos for Peace closing ceremony
- WHO:** Roosevelt Council Jr., interim general manager
Hartsfield-Jackson Atlanta International Airport
Malek Jandali, founder and CEO of Pianos for Peace
- WHEN:** Friday, Sept. 30, 2016
1 p.m. to 2 p.m.
- WHERE:** Hartsfield-Jackson Atlanta International Airport
Domestic Terminal Atrium
6000 N. Terminal Parkway
Atlanta, GA 30320

NOTE TO MEDIA:

Event will be visual and entertaining, featuring musical performances and interviews.

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Hartsfield-Jackson Atlanta International Airport

Hartsfield-Jackson (ATL) is the world's most traveled and most efficient airport, serving more than 101 million passengers annually with nonstop service to more than 150 U.S. destinations and nearly 70 international destinations in more than 45 countries. ATL boasts a direct economic impact of \$34.8 billion in metro Atlanta and a total direct economic impact of \$70.9 billion in Georgia. The Airport is the largest employer in Georgia, with more than 63,000 employees. The Airport is a frequent recipient of awards of excellence for concessions, operations, sustainability, architectural engineering, and construction. ATL is now in the midst of a \$6 billion capital improvement plan, ATL Next, that will modernize the domestic terminal and concourses, create new parking decks, construct a 300-room hotel, Class A commercial office space, add a new runway, new concourse and expand cargo facilities. For more information, go to www.atlanta-airport.com.

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