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Hartsfield-Jackson Celebrates Pianos for Peace Festival
Closing ceremony to feature music, honor law enforcement

ATLANTA – Hartsfield-Jackson Atlanta International Airport (ATL) officials will close the second annual Pianos for Peace Festival in musical fashion Friday, Sept. 29 in the Airport's Domestic Terminal atrium. The project, which placed 50 painted pianos in public spaces across metro Atlanta, was the brainchild of Syrian native Malek Jandali. Having seen firsthand the effects of war, Jandali uses the Pianos for Peace Festival to bring people together by welcoming anyone to play the instruments in high-traffic locations across the city. During the monthlong festival, musicians of all skill sets sat down at the ATL pianos, placed in both the Domestic and International terminals, to perform for passengers traveling through the world's busiest airport.

Friday's event will feature performances from professional musicians and two area school musical groups. In addition, Pianos for Peace organizers will announce Atlanta Police Chief Erika Shields will be named the 2017 Ambassador for Peace Award winner.

WHAT: Pianos for Peace closing ceremony

WHO: Greg Richardson, Interim Deputy General Manager and Chief Financial Officer,
Hartsfield-Jackson Atlanta International Airport
Malek Jandali, Founder and CEO, Pianos for Peace

WHEN: Friday, Sept. 29
10:30 a.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 busiest and most efficient airport, serving more than 104 million passengers annually with nonstop service to more than 150 U.S. destinations and 70 international destinations in more than 50 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 program, ATLNext, that will modernize the Domestic Terminal and concourses, create new parking decks, construct a 440-room hotel, Class A commercial office space, add a new runway, new concourse and expand cargo facilities. For more information, visit www.atl.com.

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