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## AUGUSTA SYMPHONY PHOTO SUBMISSION CALL: CELEBRATING AUGUSTA



Augusta, GA – The Augusta Symphony is looking for photo submissions for their final concert of their 70<sup>th</sup> anniversary season, "Celebrating Augusta." To showcase what Augusta means to you, we are asking the community to submit photos—from nights out on the town, events like Arts in the Heart, Juneteenth, Fourth of July parades, Pride, the Masters, shows and concerts in Augusta's own theater district, and every moment in between.

Send us your memories so that we can highlight them above the orchestra during the concert, displaying them on a 440 square foot screen for all the audience to appreciate. "Celebrating Augusta" is about celebrating all that makes this town what it is—mainly, it's about celebrating you! Submit photos at <a href="https://augustasymphony.com/70-years-of-the-augusta-symphony">https://augustasymphony.com/70-years-of-the-augusta-symphony</a>.

Augusta has been the pinnacle of the Central Savannah River Region since 1736 and remains an area rich in hospitality, diversity, culture, and warmth. The beauty of humanity abounds in this larger-than-life town, and we want you to show us just how you celebrate life in Augusta. From murals to restaurants, stores to sports, outdoor recreation, and a year's worth of annual community celebrations, Augusta brings joy to community members from all walks of life.

Our "Celebrating Augusta" concert aims not only to showcase the beautiful sounds of our talented Augusta Symphony with guest artist Nicholas Bardonnay, playing the extraordinary music of William Grant Still's Symphony No. 1, but to highlight you, the vibrant and incredible people who have built your homes and livelihoods here in Augusta.

Now in its 70th season, the Augusta Symphony is the primary professional orchestra for the Central Savannah River Area and pursues its mission "to share the joy of great musical performance with our community – together we are music" through annual symphonic, pops, and family concerts that reach about 20,000 people each year. Via its Community Chords education and outreach programs, the Symphony further strives to foster broad accessibility to live classical music performance and a lifelong appreciation of the art form among people of all ages, backgrounds, and means. The Symphony's Community Chords programs currently serve thousands of youth and adults in communities within a 75-mile radius of Augusta.

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