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AUGUSTA SYMPHONY APPOINTS NEW DEVELOPMENT DIRECTOR



Augusta, GA – The Augusta Symphony is pleased to announce the appointment of Sean Mooney as its new Development Director, effective December 10, 2025. In this role, Sean will guide the Symphony’s fundraising efforts and help expand the community support that sustain our concert series and education programs. With a strong background in marketing, donor development, and community engagement, Sean is well positioned to build strong relationships with supporters across the region.

“We are excited to welcome Sean to the team,” said Paige Tom, Executive Director of the Augusta Symphony. “He brings a genuine enthusiasm and commitment to this community, as well as a thoughtful approach to donor stewardship. We’re looking forward to working with him.”

Sean joins the Symphony at an exciting time in the season as preparations are underway for the 2026 Augusta Symphony Gala, featuring the incomparable Audra McDonald in a black-tie evening at the historic Miller Theater on January 24, 2026. The Gala is one of the Symphony’s most important fundraising events, supporting performances, education programs, and outreach throughout the CSRA.

The night begins at 6:30 p.m. with champagne, cocktails, and mingling before guests take their seats for the 7:30 p.m. performance conducted by Maestro Dirk Meyer. After the concert, attendees are invited to stay for the Encore Gala Celebration, with an open bar, coffee, desserts, dancing in the Knox Music Institute, and photo opportunities throughout the theater. Guests looking to start the evening in style may add a VIP Ticket for an exclusive 5:30 p.m. pre-event experience that includes valet parking and elevated food and beverage offerings.

Tickets are available online at augustasympphony.com/gala and at the Miller Theater Box Office. The Box Office is open from 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Monday through Friday, and purchases can be made in-person or via phone at (706) 842-4080 ext.1.

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