



Dear Symphony League Members,

Welcome to the 65th season of the Augusta Symphony League!

As we step into the 2026-2027 season, we're excited to continue building on the energy and success of last year. Thanks to your continued support, we were able to fund the symphony videography program for the fourth year in a row — bringing the joy of live music to those who couldn't attend in person. With over 2000 views last season, this initiative has truly made a difference in our community.

This year, we will be shifting our support to sponsorship of the Symphony Gala VIP Reception in January 2027. Your generosity and commitment make all of this possible—thank you!

In the new season we will be expanding opportunities for sponsorship of the League's programs. Sponsoring a Social is a great way to support the League and be recognized by fellow Symphony supporters. Please see the enclosed sponsorship form for additional information including how to make us aware of your interest is a gift.

This season's Socials will once again be held at the Augusta Country Club. We have planned for an expanded program of six events instead of the four we have had in the recent past.

Mark your calendars for this season's Socials:

- **First Social** - Tuesday, September 22, 2026. Denis Petrunin, principal timpanist, will be the featured soloist in the first concert.
- **Second Social** – Tuesday, November 3, 2026. Thomas Pandolfi, guest solo pianist, will discuss the symphony program and play for the League membership and guests. We will move to the ballroom for this performance.
- **Third Social** – Tuesday, February 23, 2027. Amaro Dubois, Augusta Symphony violist and featured soloist, will present.
- **Fourth Social** – Tuesday, March 16, 2027. We are attempting to schedule Wycliffe Gordon, internationally renowned trombonist, to present and play for the League.
- **Fifth Social** – Tuesday April 20, 2027. Anastasia Petrunina, Augusta Symphony Concertmaster and solo violinist, will be speaking and playing from her role as featured violinist in Beethoven's Violin Concerto.
- **CODA Party** – Sunday, May 2, 2027. Maestro Dirk Meyer will introduce the 2027-2028 season—our 73rd—and share the inspiration behind his selections for the coming year. The CODA Party is always fun and informative as we learn what pieces Dirk has chosen and why he has selected them.

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Enclosed you'll find your **Membership Renewal Form**. Renewing your membership helps us continue to support the Symphony and bring music to our community in meaningful ways. As always, we're focused on growing our membership and enhancing the League experience. If you know someone who might be interested in joining, we'd love to welcome them – just let us know and we'll send them a **New Member packet**.

Finally, we are enclosing a **Sponsorship Form** to be used when making an additional gift to the League's programs. The attempt to (1) return to six League social events, and (2) to increase our gift to the symphony by 15%, is entirely dependent on increasing our membership and on receiving additional sponsorships. Once we learn, by July 17th, the amount of revenue that we can expect from those two sources we will create our season budget. Of course, it would be irresponsible to make plans that we could not afford, so we are asking for a quick response from our membership. If we are fully funded then we can proceed with six events. If we fall short then we will have to trim back to 5 or even 4 events. I hope you will join with your board of directors in giving generously to our expanded program, and to an even greater gift to the symphony orchestra.

Warm Regards,

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