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SOA BIDS FAREWELL TO FIRST BAPTIST OF AUGUSTA

Augusta, GA – Symphony Orchestra Augusta has performed its Symphony Series concerts at First Baptist of Augusta for the past fourteen seasons. This Friday, November 17, at 7:30 p.m., SOA will perform its final concert at First Baptist. In January 2018, the orchestra will move to its first permanent home, the newly renovated Miller Theater.

This Friday’s concert features guest artist Jim Nord in Widor’s Symphony No. 6 for Organ and Orchestra. Mr. Nord is organist and choir master at Church of the Good Shepherd in Augusta and serves as Adjunct Professor in Augusta University’s School of Music. The concert will also feature a newly commissioned work entitled “Symphony for the Garden City” by Dr. John Hennecken. Dr. Hennecken is an Augusta native and serves on the faculty of Saint Norbert College in De Pere, Wisconsin. In addition, the orchestra will perform Joan Tower’s “Fanfare for the Uncommon Woman,” and Dvořák’s Symphony No. 9, commonly known as the “New World Symphony.”

“SOA is so grateful to the congregation and staff of First Baptist for their outstanding hospitality over the years,” noted Anne Catherine Murray, Executive Director of SOA. “We treasure the memories of fourteen concert seasons there.”

There will be a reception immediately following Friday’s concert sponsored by the Friends of SOA and open to all concert attendees and the orchestra musicians. Concert tickets range \$18-52 and may be purchased by calling 706.826.4705 or by visiting the website at www.soaugusta.org. Military and student tickets cost \$10 and are available at the box office beginning one hour before the performance.

Now in its sixty-third season, Symphony Orchestra Augusta is the primary professional orchestra for the 768,000 residents of the Central Savannah River Area and pursues its mission “to share the joy of great musical performance with our audience – together we are music” through annual symphonic, Pops, and chamber concerts that reach approximately 15,000 people each year. Via its education and community outreach programs, SOA 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. SOA’s outreach programs currently serve approximately 27,000 youth and adults in communities within a seventy-five mile radius of Augusta.

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