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MILLER THEATER WELCOMES NEW GENERAL MANAGER AND TEAM

Augusta, GA – The Augusta Symphony is pleased to announce the hiring of David Watts as the General Manager of the Miller Theater. Originally from South Carolina, Watts has worked in event and venue management and marketing in Las Vegas for the past twenty-five years, most notably at the Cleveland Clinic's Keep Memory Alive Event Center. He brings with him vast experience in sales and business development, customer service, and public relations. "We are thrilled to bring on David as the face of the Miller Theater," noted Anne Catherine Murray, Executive Director of the Augusta Symphony, which owns and operates the Miller. "His enthusiasm and leadership skills are the perfect fit for our venue as it relaunches after the shutdown of the live entertainment business."

Several other new staff have been hired this summer to round out the full-time Miller team. Justin Glessner serves as Operations Manager, Katie Morgan is Sales and Marketing Manager, Cliff Smith is Production Manager, and Frankie Kraemer is Box Office Supervisor. "We have the dream team here at the Miller and are excited to continue to bring live entertainment to Augusta," said Watts. "We are off to an excellent re-opening with two full shows in August and a super lineup planned for the fall, including the first Symphony concert on October 1."

For more information on upcoming events at the Miller Theater, visit <u>www.millertheateraugusta.com</u>, and for Augusta Symphony season information, go to <u>www.augustasymphony.com</u> or call the Box Office at 706-842-4080.

Since reopening in 2018, the Miller Theater has hosted almost 200 events and won numerous awards and recognitions, including being recognized as a Top 200 Theater Worldwide by Pollstar in 2019. First and foremost, the Miller Theater is the proud home of the Augusta Symphony. Now in its sixty-seventh 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 approximately 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 seventy-five mile radius of Augusta.

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Our mission is to share the joy of great musical performance with our community. Together, we are music.

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