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MILLER THEATER RECEIVES BEST OF THE SOUTH AWARD FOR PRESERVATION



Augusta, GA – Augusta Symphony announces that the Miller Theater has received the 2018 Best of the South: Preserving Southern Architecture Award of Excellence. The recognition was bestowed by the Southeast Chapter of the Society of Architectural Historians (SESAH), which annually honors a project that preserves or restores a historic building or complex of buildings in an outstanding manner and that demonstrates excellence in research, technique, and documentation.

The Chair of the Best of the South Award Committee, architectural historian Lydia Mattice Brandt, shared, “We were so glad to see such a gem return to its former glory in Augusta’s revitalizing downtown and hope that it continues to catalyze preservation-minded development there. We found it fitting that the building found a new life as a new home for the Augusta Symphony...Your approach to research, design and advocacy at the Miller Theater ensured a unanimous and near-immediate decision by the committee.” Accepting the award for the Symphony at the SESAH annual meeting in Manhattan, Kansas on October 5, 2018 was Erick Montgomery, Executive Director of Historic Augusta, Inc., a critical partner in the Miller’s rehabilitation. Other key members of the project team included The Christman Company, Lord Aeck Sargent, AIA, 2KM Architects, and several local mechanical, electrical, plumbing and structural engineering companies.

Now in its sixty-fourth 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 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 outreach programs currently serve approximately 27,000 youth and adults in communities within a seventy-five mile radius of Augusta.

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