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SUTTON FOSTER TO REPLACE LESLIE ODOM, JR. AS GUEST ARTIST FOR AUGUSTA SYMPHONY GALA



Augusta, GA– The Augusta Symphony is proud to announce a return command performance featuring Sutton Foster and the Augusta Symphony at this year’s Augusta Symphony Gala fundraiser Saturday, January 5 at the Miller Theater.

Ms. Foster, who opened the Miller last January with a brava performance, has graciously agreed to step in for Leslie Odom, Jr., who was forced to cancel his appearance due to a personal family issue.

Ms. Foster, a one-time Augusta resident, is a two-time Tony Award-winning performer, celebrated for her infectious roles in *Thoroughly Modern Millie*, *Anything Goes*, *The Drowsy Chaperone*, and *Young Frankenstein*.

She also stars in the popular television series ‘*Younger*’, for which she was nominated for a Critics Choice award.

“We are very pleased to welcome Sutton Foster back as our guest artist to bookend the first season in our new home,” said Anne Catherine Murray, Executive Director of the Augusta Symphony.

The Gala will take place as planned this Saturday evening, January 5, with heavy hors d’oeuvres and dinner stations and an open bar in the elegant Art Moderne beauty of the Miller Theater. This black-tie event is the Augusta Symphony’s second annual Gala and is the Symphony’s major fundraiser for the season.

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