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### **THE AUGUSTA SYMPHONY ANNOUNCES OPENINGS: PRINCIPAL SECOND VIOLIN & PER-SERVICE POSITIONS AUDITIONS SCHEDULED MONDAY, JANUARY 14, 2008**

The Augusta Symphony, under the direction of Music Director Donald Portnoy, announces auditions for Principal Second Violin and per-service positions. Auditions will be held on Monday, January 14 at First Baptist of Augusta. For more information, contact Personnel Manager Arthur Ross at 706.373.8938 or email [arthurross@mindspring.com](mailto:arthurross@mindspring.com).

The Principal Second Violin is a core position normally contracted for up to 185 services during a 36-week performance season (September 2007 – May 2008). Seventy-five (75) services are for Masterworks, Pops, Family, and Ensemble rehearsals and concerts; the remaining services are for education and outreach programming (String Quartet) for area schools and in public places mostly in the Central Savannah River Area – a 15-county area including Augusta, Georgia and Aiken, South Carolina. The Augusta Symphony employs seven core musicians comprising the String Quartet and Woodwind Trio.

The winner of this audition will be offered a **17-month contract (February, 2008 – June 30, 2009)** that encompasses the remainder of the Augusta Symphony's 2007-2008 season and the complete 2008-2009 season (**49 performance weeks – February, 2008 thru May, 2008 and September, 2008 thru May, 2009**). The contract would then be renewed from season to season.

Auditions are also being held on January 14 for all per-service and extra musician positions. Approximately 60 services are scheduled during the 2007-2008 season for per-service musicians.

**Contact Arthur Ross, Personnel Manager, for repertoire requirements and registration form. All applicants are responsible for obtaining their own copies of required music excerpts, and excerpt lists will not be given over the phone. To secure an audition time, a completed registration form, cover letter and one-page resume, and \$40 deposit are required and must be received in the Augusta Symphony office by MONDAY, JANUARY 7, 2008 (check made payable to Augusta Symphony). Deposits will be refunded at the time of audition or if the applicant notifies the Symphony Personnel Manager of a cancellation by Monday, January 7, 2008. Specific auditions times will be determined after January 7.**

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