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AUGUSTA SYMPHONY ANNOUNCES “SYMPHONY IN THE SCHOOLS” PROGRAMS FOR AIKEN COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOLS

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The Murphy M. Holloway, Jr. *Symphony in the Schools* Program, featuring the **Augusta Symphony String Quartet** and the **Augusta Symphony Woodwind Trio**, is underway in Aiken County Elementary Schools. Augusta Symphony musicians present live, in-school lecture-demonstrations for all Fourth and Fifth grade students. Each presentation is designed to introduce students to the musicians and the instruments of the orchestra. A question and answer period inviting discussion and feedback between students and musicians follows each presentation. Each ensemble presents lecture-demonstrations to each Aiken County public elementary school on alternating years.

The program offered this year is “***The Science of Sound***,” an age-appropriate exploration of how sound is produced by each instrument and how pitch is altered due to shape, and length of instrument and/or strings. Musicians play a variety of pieces during the program, relating each to its historical context. *Additional lecture-demonstrations by Augusta Symphony percussion and brass principals are made available to schools participating in the basic program offering strings and winds.*

The **Murphy M. Holloway, Jr. *Symphony in the Schools Program*** has been made available for Aiken County Schools for almost twenty years, thanks to the all-volunteer organization, **The Augusta Symphony Guild**, partially supported by the **South Carolina Arts Commission**. Since its inception, thousands of 4th and 5th graders have enjoyed these introductory lecture-demonstrations.

The Augusta Symphony’s scope of educational and outreach services covers a 15-county area and two states. The Symphony performs over 150 annual lecture-demonstrations in area school districts including Columbia, McDuffie, and Richmond Counties in Georgia and Aiken County, South Carolina.

The entire schedule for all ensembles scheduled in Aiken County is listed on page two, as follows:

Friday, February 1 at 9:15 A.M.
Matthew Jones, *percussion*
Greendale Elementary

Tuesday, February 5 at 9:15 A.M.
String Quartet
Greendale Elementary

Tuesday, February 5 at 9:15 A.M.
Woodwind Trio
North Augusta Elementary

Thursday, February 7 at 9:15 A.M.
String Quartet
Jefferson Elementary

Thursday, February 7 at 9:15 A.M.
Woodwind Trio
Oakwood-Windsor

Thursday, February 7 at 12:30 P.M.
Woodwind Trio
Clearwater

Tuesday, February 19 at 9:15 A.M.
String Quartet
East Aiken

Thursday, February 21 at 9:15 A.M.
String Quartet
Redcliffe

Thursday, February 21 at 9:15 A.M.
Woodwind Trio
J.D. Lever

Tuesday, February 26 at 9:15 A.M.
String Quartet
Millbrook

Friday, February 29 at 9:15 A.M.
James Ackley, *trumpet*
Belvedere

For complete information on the Augusta Symphony's Education & Outreach programs, visit the Symphony's website at www.augustasympphony.org, or contact Augusta Symphony Education & Outreach Director, Jennifer Witcher at 706.826.4706 or email jenniferwitcher@augustasympphony.org. Located on the second floor of Sacred Heart Cultural Center, the Symphony office is open Monday through Friday, 9 AM to 5 PM.

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