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**ATLANTA SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA TO PARTNER  
WITH GEORGIA HUMANITIES COUNCIL  
FOR SMITHSONIAN INSTITUTION'S "NEW HARMONIES" NATIONAL EXHIBITION  
APRIL 14, 2012 – NOVEMBER 26, 2013**

**Georgia Is Only State in National Tour To Partner With an Orchestra**

**Georgia's 12-City Exhibit To Explore American Roots Music  
And To Include Visual Displays, Lectures, and Performances**

The Atlanta Symphony Orchestra has partnered with the Georgia Humanities Council, Center for Public History at the University of West Georgia, Georgia Council for the Arts, and Georgia Department of Economic Development for the statewide tour of *New Harmonies: Celebrating American Roots Music* — a Smithsonian Institution exhibit about the early traditions of American music, April 14, 2012 – November 26, 2013. Georgia is the only state included in this national tour which is partnering with an Orchestra. The 12-city touring exhibit will include visual displays, lectures, and performances.

The *New Harmonies* exhibit will visit: Calhoun, Madison, Darien, Perry, Moultrie, Toccoa, Bremen, Thomson, Nashville, Americus, Waycross, and LaGrange, Georgia. The touring exhibit will open with a ribbon-cutting ceremony on April 14, 2012, at 2:00 p.m. at the Harris Arts Center in Calhoun. Special guests will include Georgia First Lady Sandra Deal, Georgia Humanities Council President Jamil Zainaldin as keynote speaker, and Atlanta Symphony Orchestra President Stanley E. Romanstein, Ph.D.

"The Atlanta Symphony Orchestra embraces its responsibility to enrich lives through the power of music," said Atlanta Symphony Orchestra President Stanley E. Romanstein, Ph.D. "Music comes in many forms which impact us in different ways — none more significant than how it shapes our history and defines who we are. It is important for people to have the opportunity to experience music in ways that are meaningful to them. This is why *New Harmonies* is such a great project in which to take part. It allows us to further our mission by sharing music with people all around the state."

As a presenting partner for the *New Harmonies* tour, the Atlanta Symphony Orchestra will extend access to its education, community, and concert programming to a broader geographic reach throughout the state of Georgia, while boosting local music participation, education, appreciation, and advocacy in each of the communities it reaches.

Through this new partnership, the Atlanta Symphony Brass Quintet will perform a free concert for Gordon County music students in Calhoun on Friday, April 20, 2012, at 10:00 a.m. The Orchestra will present a series of community and education events to accompany the exhibition in each of the 12 cities.

### **About New Harmonies**

*New Harmonies* in Georgia is led by Honorary Chair Sandra Deal, First Lady of Georgia, and Chair Rose Lane Leavell. *New Harmonies: Celebrating American Roots Music* has been made possible in Georgia by the Georgia Humanities Council in partnership with the Atlanta Symphony Orchestra, Center for Public History at the University of West Georgia, Georgia Council for the Arts, and Georgia Department of Economic Development.

*New Harmonies: Celebrating American Roots Music* is part of Museum on Main Street, a collaboration between the Smithsonian Institution and state humanities councils nationwide. Support for Museum on Main Street has been provided by the U.S. Congress.

More information about the *New Harmonies: Celebrating American Roots Music* exhibit is available at [georgiahumanities.org/newharmonies](http://georgiahumanities.org/newharmonies).

### **About the Atlanta Symphony Orchestra**

The **Atlanta Symphony Orchestra**, currently in its 67th season, consistently affirms its position as one of America's leading Orchestras by performing great music, presenting great artists, nurturing young talent, and engaging with its community... [\(more\)](#)

### **About the Georgia Humanities Council**

The Georgia Humanities Council is a statewide nonprofit organization working to ensure that humanities and culture remain an integral part of the lives of all Georgians. The Council serves the state of Georgia through its grant program and projects, and increases awareness about the history, stories, and ideas that inform our lives, so that we can make better decisions for the future.

Located in Atlanta, the Council is governed by a board of directors comprised of civic, business, and academic leaders. The board and staff of the Council network with individuals and institutions across the state, aiming for involvement with programs that are important to local Georgia communities... [\(more\)](#)

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