



ATLANTA FEDERATION OF MUSICIANS

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Dear ROPA Delegates and Guests,

It is a pleasure and an honor to welcome you (and I do mean all y'all!) to Atlanta for the 2023 Conference of the Regional Orchestra Players Association this July 25-27.

At this conference, you will devote time to learning how to improve your colleagues' working lives. I know they are grateful to you, as I most certainly am, too. The relationships you grow and the knowledge you gain at this event will inform and strengthen AFM Locals everywhere.

As a career orchestral musician myself, I know that the work of Orchestra Committees and conference Delegates is continual and necessary. Our Managements face new and difficult challenges with each season, and only with our participation, strength, and vigilance as Union members at the bargaining table will proper plans and pathways be forged. There simply is no other way. For this, we must prepare ourselves, and so again, I truly welcome you.

Atlanta in summer can be hot and humid, sometimes with afternoon thunderstorms, so when you venture out dress comfortably and perhaps bring an umbrella. However, the Atlanta Sheraton Hotel is only about one mile from various interesting and/or historic sites. During your visit to the "City in the Forest", here are some points of interest:

- The Martin Luther King Jr National Historical Park
- The National Center for Civil and Human Rights
- Centennial Olympic Park
- World of Coca-Cola
- Georgia Aquarium
- Atlanta Botanical Gardens (in Piedmont Park)
- The High Museum of Art (next to Symphony Hall at the Woodruff Arts Center)

An overview of Atlanta happenings can also be explored at www.discoveratlanta.com.

For a classic-rocking change of pace, you can hear John Fogerty (AFM Local 47) at Chastain Park on July 26. If you're able to linger, the Atlanta Braves are hosting the Milwaukee Brewers beginning July 28 at Truist Park. These venues are about 30 minutes by car.

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