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Director of Fox Theatre Institute to speak on Georgia's Historic Theatres

Carmie McDonald, Director of the Fox Theatre Institute, an outreach division of Atlanta's Fox Theatre, will speak at the Imperial Theatre, 749 Broad Street in Augusta, Georgia on Tuesday, November 17, 2015 at 7:00 pm. Mrs. McDonald will present "The Show Must Go On – The Past, Present, and Future of Georgia's Historic Theatres" as part of Historic Augusta's fall architectural history lecture series. This lecture will provide an overview of Georgia's theatres and the role they have played in shaping our past, present, and future. There will be some discussion on ways theatres engage the community and drive the economy to create vibrant downtowns in addition to current challenges they face from suburban development.

Erick Montgomery, Executive Director of Historic Augusta, Inc. says, "This event is a timely discussion as both the Imperial Theatre and Miller Theatre are undergoing renovation projects. We look forward to learning about Georgia's historic theatres and how the community can work together to promote their longevity and vitality."

Carmie earned a B.A. in Art History from Georgia State University and Master's degrees in Historic Preservation and Architectural History from the Savannah College of Art and Design. She is a graduate of the Georgia Forward Young Gamechangers program and the Atlanta Regional Commission's Arts Leaders of Metro Atlanta. Prior to joining the Fox Theatre Institute, she worked for Historic Savannah Foundation in Savannah, Georgia where she coordinated the publication of *Historic Savannah: A Survey of Significant Buildings in the Historic Districts of Savannah, Georgia, Third Edition*.

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The event is free and open to the public. Concessions are available. For more information, call Historic Augusta, Inc. at 706-724-0436.