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100th Anniversary of the Great Fire of 1916 Presentation and Concert

The Great Fire of 1916 will be the subject of a presentation and concert that will mark the 100th Anniversary of Augusta's most notorious fire, which consumed over 32 blocks and 700 buildings in the city on March 22, 1916. Erick Montgomery, Executive Director of Historic Augusta, Inc., will present a lecture and slide show entitled "The Great Fire of 1916" in the Berlin Room at St. Paul's Church, 605 Reynolds Street in Augusta, Georgia on Sunday, March 13, 2016 at 2:30 pm. The presentation will cover the fire and what was lost as a result. It will also examine the aftermath of the fire and how the development of downtown Augusta was affected in the years to follow. Photos showing the damage caused by the fire will be on display during the afternoon's events.

Following the lecture and presentation, a special concert in remembrance of the Great Fire of 1916 will be given by Keith Shafer, the Director of Music and Organist at St. Paul's Church beginning at 4 pm. The concert program will feature the premiere of "Phoenix," an organ work commissioned by Leslie Lambert Jones and composed by William Bates, which commemorates the events surrounding the fire and subsequent recovery. A reception will follow the concert in Tyler Hall. Both events are free and open to the public.

For more information, contact Historic Augusta at 706-724-0436 or visit www.historicaugusta.org. Additional information may also be found at www.saintpauls.org or by calling 706-724-2485.