

Marianne Rice

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Dr. Marianne Rice joined the Jacksonville Symphony in 2020 and serves as the Lory Doolittle Endowed Vice President of Music Education and Community Impact. She oversees all music education programs and leads community impact initiatives that connect the Symphony with schools, families, and residents across Northeast Florida. Her work focuses on developing innovative partnerships, creating inclusive and culturally responsive learning experiences, and expanding access to the arts through outreach and engagement.

Dr. Rice organized the Jacksonville Symphony's diversity, equity, and inclusion initiatives, including an organization-wide DEI assessment conducted by an external consultant; DEI training for board members, staff, and musicians; and participation in the League of American Orchestras Catalyst Incubator program. In 2023, she represented the Jacksonville Symphony as a guest speaker at the League of American Orchestras National Conference in the Pathways to Equitable and Inclusive Orchestras Session.

She serves on the League of American Orchestras' Education and Community Engagement and EDI Constituency Leadership Committees and represents the Jacksonville Symphony in the League of American Orchestras Inclusive Stages program. Locally, she serves on the Duval County Public Schools Arts Advisory and is a community partner for Any Given Child-Jacksonville.

Previously, Dr. Rice worked with Duval County Public Schools, served as an educational consultant for Dr. Marlena Smalls and The Hallelujah Singers, and authored "Music Education Through Gullah: The Legacy of a Forgotten Genre." She holds a Bachelor of Arts in English, Master of Music Education, and a Doctorate in Educational Leadership.

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