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First Tuesday Concert Spotlights Jazz Trio

The South Georgia Jazz Trio from the South Georgia Jazz Project will perform at Abraham Baldwin as part of the First Tuesday Concert Series on Tuesday at 7 p.m.

The trio will present a concert of standard jazz tunes covering blues, swing, Latin, and other such styles in the jazz tradition. The trio members are Cary Brague (saxophone), David Springfield (Piano), and Donovan Stokes (Bass).

Individual tickets for the performance in the Chapel of All Faiths may be purchased at the door. The cost is \$3 for adults and \$1 for students. ABAC students are admitted free with ID. Patrons of the Arts and Entertainment Series can also attend at no charge.

The South Georgia Jazz Project,

formed by Cary Brague, is a cultural education initiative that is sponsored by the Valdosta State University Music Department. The Jazz Project promotes activities that enhance public awareness of the importance of jazz in American culture and society, giving concerts and lectures aimed at diverse audiences across the South Georgia region.

The Jazz Project combo has also performed international cultural outreach work. In 2004 the group traveled to Hungary, visiting Eger and Budapest, giving a series of jazz concerts and lectures on American Jazz.

In conjunction with each First Tuesday performance, an art exhibit will be on display in the Music Building, adjacent to the Chapel. It will feature paint-



The South Georgia Jazz Trio

ings, drawings, and two-dimensional designs by ABAC students. The exhibit will be open for viewing before and after the concert. Refreshments will be provided by the Division of Business Administration.

For more information on the Series, contact Dr. Susan Roe at 391-4943.



Fair Showcases Health Benefits

Jill Bergeron from Affinity outlines the benefits of Laser Eye Surgery at the Health Benefits Fair on Wednesday in the Cordell Conference Room. Vendors provided a variety of different resources for ABAC faculty and staff.

Town Hall Meeting Wednesday



A Town Hall meeting will be held on Wednesday at 7 p.m. in the Cordell Conference Room. The purpose of the meeting is to address student issues with faculty and staff.

Ellis Washington, President of the Student Government Association said, "This town hall meeting will be a traditional-style meeting. Public parking is going to be the biggest issue that students will be talking about."

Spring Advising Begins Today

Advising for ABAC students returning for the spring semester is underway today. Registration will begin on Oct. 10, and the fee payment deadline is 4:30 p.m. on Dec. 16. Schedules will be cancelled if fees are not paid in full by the deadline.

Fall Picnic & Concert October 13

The Annual Fall Picnic and Concert at ABAC will take place Oct. 13. The picnic and concert are open to the public as well as ABAC students, faculty, and staff.

Sponsored by the ABAC Music Department, Music Educators National Conference (MENC), Sodexo Food Services, and the Campus Activities Board (CAB), the picnic will be held at the gazebo located on the grounds of the new ABAC Place apartments from 11:30 a.m.-1:15 p.m.

Sodexo Food Services is once again providing barbeque style foods, baked beans, corn on the cob, potato salad, cookies, and tea and lemonade at the cost of \$5. ABAC students with a Gold or Silver meal plan will be allowed to use their plan with no additional charge.

Door prizes and complimentary chair massages will be furnished by CAB. Brandon Berger, an ABAC art student, will be drawing caricatures during the performance.

Gene Wyles' Concert Band will perform a variety of contrasting selections from Rodgers and Hammerstein's fa-



The Concert Band will perform at the annual Fall Picnic at the ABAC Place Gazebo.

mous Broadway musical "South Pacific."

The ABAC Jazz Choir, directed by Dr. Susan Roe, will present several well-known pieces. The group will present a medley of Lorenz Hart and Kirby Shaw arrangements including *Falling In Love*, *This Can't be Love*, *My Funny Valentine* and *With A Song In My Heart*.

The ABAC Jazz Ensemble, under the direction of Donald Coates, will perform sounds of swing, blues, and even a Latin samba.

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Andrea Willis

Andrea Willis is the Division Chair and Associate Professor of Health, Physical Education, and Recreation at ABAC. She has been a member of the ABAC family since 1974.

She received an Associate's degree in Health and Physical Education from Brunswick Junior College. Willis earned her Bachelor's degree in Education (Health and Physical Education) and Master's in Science for Teachers (Health and Physical Education) from Georgia Southern College.

At ABAC, she teaches health and wellness, weight training, and country western line dance I and II. She has received the ABAC Pacesetter I and II, the Excellence in Teaching Award, and has been named to Who's Who Among America's Teachers numerous times while at ABAC.

Willis has served on the Georgia Association of Health, Physical Education, Recreation, and Dance; the Georgia Health and Sciences Officials Association; the University of Georgia Family and Consumer Sciences Advisory Board; and the ABAC Alumni Board of Directors.

Her hobbies include reading, dancing, exercising, playing solitaire, spending time with her family, and playing with her two dogs. She is married to Vernon, a building contractor. She has a daughter, Hallie (19), and a son, Paten (17).

Private Violin and Fiddle Lessons Offered at ABAC



Chase Anderson

Private musical instruction in the fiddle and violin will be offered by R. Chase Anderson through ABAC's Public Service and Business Outreach Center.

The fee for private instruction is \$79 for four half-hour lessons; \$139 for four one-hour lessons; and \$259 for eight one-hour lessons. These lessons are for all ages and all experience levels from beginners to advanced musicians.

To schedule lessons, contact the Public Service and Business Outreach Center at 391-5070.

Anderson has been playing the fiddle, violin, and harmonica for 30 years and teaching lessons for 20 years. He has taught people ranging in age from six to seventy years old. He is currently a student at ABAC.



ABAC Trips Highlight Christmas Festivities



Two trips will be offered through ABAC's Public Service and Business Outreach Center to celebrate the holidays.

An overnight trip to Atlanta is offered on Nov. 19-20 to see The Christmas Spectacular Show starring the Radio City Rockettes at the Fox Theater. The show will feature a live nativity scene, "The March of the Toy Soldiers," Santa's Workshop, and more.

After the show, participants will travel to Lake Lanier's Magical Night of Lights, featuring more than six miles of giant, illuminated characters and millions of twinkling lights. A special dinner at Magioni's, shopping

time at Lenox and Perimeter malls, and a tour of Atlanta is also included in this trip.

Participants will travel via motor coach to Atlanta. The cost of this Christmas celebration is \$289 per person.

On Dec. 3, the Alhambra Dinner Theater in Jacksonville, Fla., will feature Charles Dickens' classic, *Christmas Carole*. Participants will travel by deluxe motor coach from Tifton to Jacksonville. A buffet luncheon will precede the performance. Space is limited for this trip. The package price is \$79 per person.

For more information on either trip, contact Public Service and Business Outreach Center Director Diane Kilgore at 391-5070.

Arts & Entertainment Series Offers Escape From the Everyday

Escape from the everyday with spectacular live entertainment right here in South Georgia. Enjoy beloved Broadway with *Mame*, holiday classic *The Nutcracker*, west coast sounds of the California Guitar Trio, internationally famous von Trapp Children Singers, the magnificent Moscow Chamber Orchestra and Japanese violinist Mayuko Kamio as a part of the Arts and Entertainment Series offered by the South Georgia Arts Alliance. Performances will be held locally in Tifton, Ashburn and Ocilla.



The St. Petersburg Classic Ballet will present *The Nutcracker* as a part of this season's Arts and Entertainment Series.

Series subscriptions are \$50 per adult and \$15 per student under the age of 18.

ABAC students are admitted free with a valid ID. Series tickets are available by calling the ABAC Arts Connection at 229-391-4820 or online at www.southgaarts.com. Cash, check and credit card options are available.

According to Wayne Jones, Executive Director of the ABAC Arts Connection, the price to attend these shows in a major metropolitan area would exceed \$300. This Series is such a value due in part to support from arts grants, city and county funding and donations from the

private sector.

The season opens on Oct. 11 at 7 p.m. with the merry musical *Mame* at the Tift County High School (TCHS) Performing Arts Center.

Magic surrounds the holiday classic *The Nutcracker* slated for Dec. 17 at 7 p.m. at the TCHS Performing Arts Center. The presenting troupe is the St. Petersburg Classic Ballet of Marina Medvetskaya, hailing from Russia.

The third event showcases the California Guitar Trio. Their musical array

includes classical, rock, blues, bluegrass and surf music. Catch this west coast trio on Saturday, Feb. 4 at the Ocilla Methodist Church.

The great grandchildren of the real Captain von Trapp, whose family story became the *Sound of Music*, will sing Sunday, Feb. 19 at a 3 p.m. matinee. Come hear these internationally famous singers as they perform European folk tunes, American classics plus adored songs from the movie.

Rounding out the season will be the magnificent musicians of the Moscow Chamber Orchestra on March 13 and the spell-bounding talent of the nineteen year old violist Mayuko Kamio on April 27.

Two additional series are given as bonuses to the series. The First Tuesday Concert Series featuring regional artists will have seven performances. The new Stafford Steinway Series will feature piano and chamber music designed to highlight the Howard Auditorium Steinway grand piano. This performance series is made possible by the generous grant from the Stafford Foundation. Both First Tuesday and Stafford Steinway Series are free to the Arts and Entertainment season subscriber.



ABAC Players In Tourney

Three of ABAC's tennis players are headed to Ft. Myers, Fla., to compete in the Intercollegiate Tennis Association (ITA) National Small College Championship to be held on Oct. 13-16.

Justin Pickham won the men's singles division at the Wilson/ITA Southeastern Region Championship in Alexander City, Ala. last weekend. He and partner, Nikola Prpic, won the men's double division, and the Fillies' Florencia Torres won the women's singles division for ABAC. All three are sophomores.

The wins at this event enable all three to compete in the ITA tournament at Florida Gulf Coast College with NCAA and NAIA schools. There are four divisions representing small colleges. The winner of each division will then go on to the "Super Bowl" competition, culminating the tournament.

Food Network Star to Speak at ABAC



Susannah Locketti, a Food Network feature cook, will speak about her 17-year battle with obesity on Saturday at the Cordell Conference Room and Donaldson Dining Hall.

The event is sponsored by the Tift Area Foundation for Women's Health, Inc. This lecture, titled "The Ya-Ya Sisters Together: Move More, Eat Better", is from 8 a.m.-1 p.m. A free lunch will be provided, and door prizes will be given away.

Highlights will include a walk around the ABAC track and attending three of the seven sessions offered during the event. Topics discussed in the sessions will include exercise, getting kids to eat better, understanding food labels, and more. Registration is required for this event, and seating is limited. To register, call 391-3311.

Ag Classic Filled

The fifth annual ABAC Ag Classic Golf Tournament is filled to capacity. The tournament will be held on Oct. 10 at ABAC's Forest Lakes Golf Course.

Prize payouts begin at \$1,000 for the first place team and continue through fifth place. Participants who receive the low gross score will be awarded a round of golf for four at the Reynolds Plantation. Prizes will also be given out for hole-in-one, closest to the pin and longest drive on designated holes.

Proceeds from the tournament, which is sponsored by the ABAC Ag Alumni Council, will be used to benefit students in ABAC's Division of Agriculture and Forest Resources.

For additional information, contact Nancy Coleman at 391-4898.



Domestic Violence Speech Today at 6:30

ABAC's Peer Leader Educator organization, BACCHUS, will host Elaine Harrod from Ruth's Cottage to speak on the issue of domestic violence today at 6:30 p.m. in Section A of the Cordell Conference Room. Her talk entitled, "What You Say Counts," will focus not only on physical domestic violence, but also on the verbal and emotional aspect of domestic violence. Learn what to do if domestic violence happens and/or ways to prevent it from occurring in relationships.

Note of Sympathy

The ABAC Family expresses sympathy to Floyd Wright whose father, Jesse Wright, passed away on Sept. 25. Sympathy is also extended to Pat Willis whose mother, Mary Eunice Baglan Pigg, passed away on Sept. 28. Please keep both these families in your thoughts and prayers.

Notes of Thanks

Dear ABAC Faculty & Staff,

Thank you so much for the many thoughtful expressions of concern after the death of my uncle. Cancer is such a devastating disease and takes such a toll on the patient and the loved ones. His suffering has ceased, and we are at peace knowing that.

I also would like to say a special thanks to Beth Saxon and Chrystle Ross for taking my freshman seminar class and to Donna Sledge, Julie Conner, and Jimmy Ballenger for teaching my HPE classes. It was comforting to know my students were in such capable hands.

Sincerely,
Andrea Willis

We would like to thank our ABAC Family for the fall floral arrangement Duke received while he was in the hospital. The prayers, cards and calls were greatly appreciated. It's great working at a college with caring people.

Barbara & Duke Snyder

Thanks to everyone who helped make our fundraiser a success. We raised a total of \$740, for The Harvest of Hope Foundation, Hurricane Katrina Migrant Fund.. To those who won the wonderful desserts, we hope you enjoyed eating them as much as we enjoyed preparing them. To those who were involved in the bidding war but lost, thanks...you made it fun and exciting. We were successful, not because of ourselves, but because we are a part of a great family, the ABAC Family.

Thank you,
HEP/CAMP Department



From The Amazon To ABAC

Amazon rain forest tribal leader *Moi Enomenga* speaks to over 200 students at his lecture Friday. Valdosta State's Susan Wehling, wife of Mouyyed Hassouna, and Olga Contreras Martinez provided the translation for the lecture.



Regents' Test Reminder

The Regents' Test will be administered at ABAC on Nov. 1 at 9 a.m., 1:30 p.m., and 6 p.m. International Students take the test at 9 a.m. (Reading) and 3 p.m. (Essay). Extended time is at 9 a.m. and 5 p.m.

Students must sign-in for a time slot for the test on Oct. 31, between 8 a.m.-5:30 p.m. in front of the Student Development Center office even if they registered for the test during course registration. Students requiring extended time and International students should also sign up here. A photo ID is required.

Call the Student Development Center at 391-5135 for more information.

Celebrating Birthdays

October

- 4 Mary Ellen Hicks
- 5 Etta Lee
- 5 Melissa Webb
- 7 Vonda Fenn
- 7 Teresa Williams
- 9 Becky Arnold
- 9 Cindy Jones
- 10 Alvin Caquelard
- 10 Philip Hightower
- 10 Shirley Wilson



Calendar of Events

Monday, October 3

- 6 p.m.—Hunter Safety (Cordell Conf. Room C)
- 7 p.m.—Christian Student Fellowship (Chapel)

Tuesday, October 4

- 7 p.m.—First Tuesday Concert (Chapel)

Wednesday, October 5

- 9 a.m.—Mental Health Workshop (Cordell Conf. Room A)
- 6 p.m.—CAB Show: *Dominic Dierkes* (Dining Hall)
- 6 p.m.—Christian Student Fellowship (Chapel)

- 7 p.m.—SGA Town Hall Meeting (Cordell Conf. Room)

Thursday, October 6

- 9 a.m.—Mental Health Workshop (Cordell Conf. Room A)
- 11 a.m.—Student Support Services Workshop (Cordell Conf. Room C)

- 11 a.m.—Faculty/Staff Luncheon (Magnolia Room)
- 6 p.m.—Christian Student Fellowship (Chapel)

Saturday, October 8

- 8 a.m.—National SAT
- 9 a.m.—Ya Ya Sisters Together: Move More, Eat Better (Cordell Conf. Room/Dining Hall)

Monday, October 10

- 7 p.m.—Christian Student Fellowship (Chapel)