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Broadway Music Comes To ABAC on Tuesday at 7 p.m.

Music faculty and voice majors at ABAC will combine with some special guests to perform "A Night of Broadway Music" on Tues. in the final First Tuesday concert of the academic year at 7 p.m. in the Chapel of All Faiths. This concert is open to the public at no charge.

The First Tuesday series features regional professional artists on the first Tuesdays of five months during the year. Dr. Susan Roe, Director of Music for the School of Liberal Arts, is the First Tuesday Program Director.

Katelyn Payne of Moultrie will begin the show with "Part of my World" from The Little Mermaid, followed by a duet with Daniel Gibson of Tifton as they sing "As Long As You're Mine" from the smash hit Wicked. Gibson will then join Brian Holland of Fitzgerald for "Lily's Eyes" from Secret Garden. Joseph Bishop of Fitzgerald will sing "Edelweiss" from Richard Rodgers and Oscar Hammerstein's The Sound of Music, and Briahana Rogers of Tifton will perform "Summertime" from George Gershwin's Porgy and Bess.

Other student performances will feature Sylvester's Kezia Green singing



The diverse group of musicians that will wow you with their renditions of popular Broadway selections Tuesday.

"Daddy's Son" from Ragtime and Erica Humbert of Thomasville performing "Somewhere Over the Rainbow" from The Wizard of Oz. Patrick Ireland of Tifton and ABAC voice graduate Scarlett Eirish from Tifton will sing "The Song That Goes Like This" from Monty Python's Spamalot.

A number of guests will join the ABAC faculty and voice students for this concert. Reverend Gary Aikens, minister of music at First Baptist Church in Tifton, will perform "Try To Remember" from The Fantastiks and "If I Had My Druthers" from L'il Abner.

Scott Spivey, who studied voice under Dr. David Johnson at Valdosta State University, will perform "I'll Cover You" from Rent and "Empty Chairs at Empty

Tables" from Les Miserables. Reverend Blane Jacobs, minister of music at First Baptist Church in Fitzgerald, will sing "If I Loved You" from Carousel and "As If We Never Said Goodbye" from Sunset Boulevard.

The faculty of the ABAC music program will also showcase their talents. Roe will duet with Arts Connection Director Wayne Jones for "All I Ask of You" from Andrew

Lloyd Webber's Phantom of the Opera. Claire Majette Jurs, instructor of voice and music appreciation at ABAC, will sing "Can't Help Lovin' That Man of Mine" from Showboat.

Accompanists for this performance are Susan Spivey, owner of the gift shop, "Sweet Caroline's" and pianist for First Baptist Church in Fitzgerald; Dr. Douglas Jurs, assistant professor of piano and music theory, and Gina Lawhon, elementary music school teacher at Len Lastinger, instructor of organ for ABAC, and pianist for all choirs and worship services at First Baptist Church in Tifton.

For more information on the concert, interested persons can contact Roe at sroe@abac.edu.

Sports @ Home

Last week was a great week for ABAC Sports! There are many opportunities for you to come out and support the teams this week as they play at home.

Baseball: Thurs. @ 6 p.m. against Darton College and again Sat. @ 1 p.m. and 3 p.m.

Softball: Tues. @ 2 p.m. and 4 p.m. against South Georgia College and Sat. @ 1 p.m. and 3 p.m. against Darton College.

Golf: April 7—9 the Regional/State Tournament is being held at the Golf Club of South Georgia (Sunsweet Hills) in Tifton. T-Time is 9 a.m. on Sunday, April 7 and 9 a.m. on April 8 and 9.

Layne Wins Mr. ABAC Title Last Thursday

Logan Layne (center), a freshman Rural Studies major from Manning, S.C., won the Mr. ABAC competition Thursday night at ABAC. The Top 5 included (pictured left to right): Chandler Bartley, Jake Todd, Layne, Conner Dunn, and Kevin Vantrees. Dunn received the top essay score. Bartley won the interview portion of the competition as well as the Contestant's Award which is voted on by his fellow participants. Clemente Oriagiaga was awarded the Mr. ABAC Spirit award for having the most support in the audience. The Family and Consumer Sciences Club (FACS), who sponsored and produced the event, asked the contestants to design collection boxes to display during the contest. The boxes raised \$156 to be donated to ABAC's efforts for the Relay for Life. Blake Johnson received the People's Choice Award for the most contributions and Ronnie Few received the People's Choice for most creative and original design of the collection box.



Stallion Day Saturday at ABAC

Over 150 perspective students are already signed up to attend the event. Notice below that the schedule of events for the day is different from the pervious ones. Those clubs that wish to participate in the Stallion Marketplace need to contact Brooke Jernigan (bjernigan@abac.edu) by Wednesday afternoon.



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Stallion Day – April 6, 2013 STUDENT SCHEDULE

| TIME | ACTIVITY | LOCATION |
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| 8:00 – 9:00 | Check-in & Tours | Donaldson Dining Hall |
| 9:00-9:20 | Welcome & Overview of the Day | Donaldson Dining Hall |
| 9:30-10:30 | Stallion Marketplace | Gressette Gymnasium |
| 10:45-11:50 Seniors 2 sessions 10:45-11:15 / 11:20-11:50 Underclassmen 2 sessions 10:45-11:15 / 11:20-11:50 | Conversation Corners Join the experts and have your questions answered on these areas from faculty, staff, and students. | Health Sciences Building: College 101: It's here, are you ready? Student Information Panel College 101: Preparing for the future Student Information Panel |
| 12:00 – 1:00 | Lunch | Donaldson Dining Hall |
| 1:00 2 Session Times 1:10 to 1:30/1:40 to 2:00 1:10 to 1:30/1:40 to 2:00 1:00 <i>Tours and Admissions Info will continue throughout the afternoon!</i> | <u>Information Sessions</u> Financial Aid <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Senior Session • Underclassmen Session Admissions Information for all students Housing and Lakeside Tours | Ag Sciences Building: Room 137 Room 139 Room 132 Lakeside |
| Optional 1 pm | Baseball Double Header ABAC vs. Darton | Stallion Field |

*The ABAC Bookstore will be open from 2-3 on Saturday afternoon!

Choir Performs Spring Concert Thursday

From seventeen vocal majors blending their voices as one in a Brahms' classic to a couple of toe-tapping jazz tunes, the spring concert on Thurs. by the students in the choral program at ABAC promises to be something really special.

Dr. Susan Roe, director of the ABAC music program, said the 76 members of the Concert Choir will be featured in the event along with the Chamber Singers and the Jazz Choir. The concert begins at 7 p.m. in Howard Auditorium. It is open to the public at no charge.

Composed of students from all over the southeastern United States, the Concert Choir will begin the evening with "The Star Spangled Banner" arranged by John Stafford Smith, followed by "Kyrie Eleison" by David Huntsinger. The students will be accompanied on this piece by Dr. Douglas Jurs, assistant professor of theory and piano for the ABAC music program and accompanist for all ABAC choral groups; and Sheri Wyles, flute, applied woodwinds, and music appreciation instructor for the music program.

The sopranos and altos of the choir will then perform "A Dream Within A Dream" by Ruth Morris Gray. The ABAC Chamber Singers, one of the music program's auditioned choral ensembles, will follow with Eric Whitacre's "The Seal Lullaby".

The next featured song, "O Schöne

Nacht" by Johannes Brahms, will be sung by the 17 vocal majors enrolled in ABAC's music program. The ABAC Jazz Choir, another auditioned choral ensemble, will then perform two popular jazz tunes. "Body and Soul" by John Green and arranged by Kirby Shaw, will feature Katelyn Payne, a voice major from Moultrie, and Daniel Gibson, a vocal major from Tifton.

The second piece will be Steven Zeegre's arrangement of Seymour Simons and Gerald Marks' "All of Me". The Jazz Choir will be accompanied by the ABAC Jazz Combo which is made up of Ryen Dickinson, guitarist and a music major from St. Mary's, Tyler Partin, bass guitarist and an engineering major from Cordele, and Drew Ellis, percussionist and a music major from Cordele.

"The Road Home" by Stephen Paulus will be performed a capella by the Concert Choir featuring Payne as soloist. Alice Parker and Robert Shaw's arrangement of the spiritual, "Same Train" will also be performed a capella. To conclude the evening's performance, "Total Praise" arranged by Keith Christopher, will be performed by the entire choir. Jurs on piano, former ABAC music major Harry King on alto saxophone, and Ellis on percussion will accompany the group.

For more information on the spring concert, interested persons can contact Roe at (229) 391-4943.

Don't forget to encourage an outstanding student to apply for the Donaldson Award. Deadline for applications is April 12. This award recognizes students who have distinguished themselves through scholarship, leadership and citizenship.

Take Time to Nominate a Pacesetter by April 8

The Stallion presents Pacesetter awards every year, honoring those whose actions and service lead the way at ABAC. Pacesetter Awards honor students, faculty, administration and staff. Please take a moment to write a note about those who have made the past year memorable.

Please send your nominations to Tom Grant (tgrant@abac.edu). Please identify the nominee clearly, write a brief explanation of why they deserves consideration for the Pacesetter Awards, and your contact information for follow-up inquiries. Nominations are due by April 8. The awards will be presented April 17 by the staff of *The Stallion*. Please contact Gerron Green (ggreen2@stallions.abac.edu) with any questions.

Run for Nurses April 13 at ABAC

Don't miss out on the School of Nursing and Health Sciences 'Run for the Nurses' April 13. This event is to assist in the future education of nurses through scholarships at ABAC. Prices for this event are : \$20 for the 1 mile fun walk/run, \$30 for the 5K, and \$35 for the ½ marathon. Contact Becky Arnold (rarnold@abac.edu) with any questions.

ABAC Phi Theta Kappa Wins Distinguished Issue Award at Regional Conference

ABAC's Omega Delta chapter of Phi Theta Kappa recently attended the 2013 regional conference hosted by Georgia Military Academy in Milledgeville. The group was awarded the Distinguished Issue Award for their Honors in Action Project: Food Fight. This award not only demonstrates an excellence in academic research of the topic but also highlights the student's accomplishments in leadership roles and leadership development activities dealing with service learning and collaboration. The ABAC project encompassed a large range of activities including, the largest among them, the hosting of a hunger awareness dinner that brought attention to food waste in the United States. In addition to this award, the chapter also received a plaque that represents their accomplishment as a Four Star Chapter which shows their rise in status among PTK chapters.



Pictured: first row left to right: Kim Talley, Advisor; Pedro Escobar, VP of Leadership; Saumil Patel, Andrea Smith, Co-VP of Service; Lindsay Partridge; Kaitlyn Cawley, Co-VP of Service; Marla Ross, Hans Schmeisser, Advisor. Second row left to right: James Crosby; Daniel Escobar; Jessica Stoker, VP of Fellowship; Austin West; Shawn Burnette; Caleb Studstill.

Ford Promotes Fulbright Program at ABAC

Alma Ford visited the ABAC campus last week to discuss the Fulbright Scholar programs. During her day on campus she gave three presentations to different groups. The first included ABAC administration and administration from five other institutions about hosting scholars in residence through the Fulbright Program. Ford also spoke to faculty about become scholars abroad and students about taking advantage of various Fulbright Programs.

Ford joined the Council for International Exchange of Scholars (CIES) in July of 2008. From the beginning, she worked with Fulbright Scholar Programs that exclusively serve American Institutions of Higher Education in their efforts to internationalize their campuses and curricula.



Ford speaking to a class of ABAC students last week.



Sertoma Makes ABAC History

The Tifton Sertoma Club became the first local civic club to tour the renovated Tift Hall at ABAC last Thursday. After lunch in the dining hall, ABAC Public Relations Director Emeritus Mike Chason gave the group a tour of the 1908 building, which has undergone a total rehabilitation and now includes areas devoted to Captain H.H. Tift, Abraham Baldwin, George T. Smith, and the history of ABAC. For more information or to schedule a tour, contact the ABAC Public Relations Office at (229) 391-5055.

Relay for Life Yard Sale Saturday April 12



The Annual Relay for Life Yard Sale is Saturday, April 12, so while cleaning out those closets at home remember to bring the things to you don't want and donation them to the sale! Set-up will be in the Nickelodeon. Tables are \$10 per table or 3 for \$25. You pay the fee and you keep your money that you make. Set up on Friday April 11 from 3-8 p.m. with volunteer help. The sale is from 7 a.m. to 1 p.m. on Saturday.

ABAC is pleased to announce that Kaycee Jones has accepted the Human Resources Assistant position that was recently posted. Jones can be reached at extension 4892 and at kjones@abac.edu.



Jones

Many Events at the Museum this Weekend

Come shop at the Wiregrass Farmers Market or view the quilts on display in the American Legacy Quilt Show at the Folklife Festival on April 6 at the Georgia Museum of Agriculture and Historic Village at ABAC.

The annual celebration showcasing South Georgia art and culture runs from 9 a.m. until 4:30 p.m. featuring events and activities to please both children and adults. The festival coincides with the seasonal opening of the Wiregrass Farmers Market. Local growers and producers will be offering fresh picked produce as well as hand-made goods for sale at the Market located under the pole barn behind the Museum Country Store.

A featured attraction during the Festival, the Turpentine Still, will be fired early for the Historic Village's annual turpentine distillation. Make sure you're on hand to see and hear about this age old process central to South Georgia's history and culture.

The GMA Gallery will open its newest exhibit "A Trip Around the World" on Friday in conjunction with the American Legacy Quilt Show (also at the GMA, Friday and Saturday) and as a part of the GMA's annual Folklife Festival. As a part of the weekend's festivities, you have an opportunity to purchase a raffle ticket for an exquisite quilt made by the Wiregrass Quilters. (You don't have to be present to win.) You can purchase tickets through campus mail between now and Friday.

Contact Polly Huff at phuff@abac.edu for information about the quilt exhibit and Garrett Boone at gboone@abac.edu for more information about the Folklife Festival. April 5-6 is an exciting weekend at the museum, don't miss out of all of these events!



Day & Night Quilt (92x102). The pattern is by Eleanor Burns and it was pieced and quilted by the Wiregrass Quilters Guild. Raffle tickets for the quilt are 1 for \$1 or 6 for \$5 and can be bought through campus mail or at the Gallery. The raffle is Saturday.

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ABAC Birthdays

- 1 Jan Gregus
- 2 Ruth Jackson
- 3 Melvin Merrill
- 3 Niles Reddick
- 3 Joey Johnson
- 6 Wanda Golden

