Valdosta Symphony Orchestra Opens ABAC Arts Series on Sunday

The Valdosta Symphony Orchestra featuring cello soloist Steven Taylor will open the performing arts series, “ABAC Presents!” on Sunday. The concert begins at 3 p.m. at the Tift County High School Performing Arts Center. Tickets are $15 for adults and $10 for students 18 years of age and under.

Series Director Wayne Jones encourages advance purchase of tickets to ensure availability. Tickets can be purchased by phone at (229) 391-4895 or www.artsconnection.ticketleap.com. Tickets will also be available at the door on the day of the event.

A season pass for all five events in the “ABAC Presents!” series is $50 for adults, $20 for students under 18 years of age, and $125 for a Family Pass that includes two adults and two or more student passes.

Taylor and the orchestra will perform selections honoring the passion of the human spirit including Rodion Shchedrin’s “Symphonic Fanfares”; Dmitri Shostakovich’s Cello Concerto No. 1 in E-Flat Major, Op.107; and Pyotr Ilyich Tchaikovsky’s Symphony No. 6 in B minor, Op. 74, “Pathetique”.

Created in 1990, the Valdosta Symphony Orchestra serves both the cultural life of Valdosta and the regional academic mission of Valdosta State University (VSU). The high standard of performance of the orchestra enables it to draw guest soloists of national and international renown. The orchestra’s membership is a creative blend of resident artist-faculty, students studying professional music disciplines, talented community performers, and carefully selected professionals from a five-state region.

Taylor studied at The Juilliard School from 1980-85 where he earned bachelor’s and master’s degrees in music and was a recipient of the Eva Shapiro Memorial Scholarship. While in New York he served as principal cellist of the Juilliard Conductor’s Orchestra and was a member of the National Orchestra Association Orchesta.

A VSU faculty member since 1992, Taylor has also served as the principal cellist of the Valdosta Symphony Orchestra and the cellist for the Azalea String Quartet. He performed at the American premier of Johan de Meij’s “Casanova” in 2001 and the world premiere of Arthur Rodriguez’s “Elegy and Rondo” in 2009 with the VSU Wind Ensemble.

The series is supported in part by the Georgia Council for the Arts (GCA) through the appropriations of the Georgia General Assembly. GCA also receives support from its partner agency, the National Endowment for the Arts. Other contributors include the generosity of the ABAC Advancement Foundation and grants from South Arts and the Fox Theatre Institute/Georgia Presenters.

To learn more visit “ABAC Presents!” www.abac.edu/arts/ap.

Fillies Undefeated 5-0

The ABAC Fillies Soccer team continued their winning streak with a win on Friday. They defeated Andrew College 10-1. Nakita Morris’ scored 4 goals making her season total 18 and Kaitlyn Grahame scored 3 goals. The Fillies have two home games this week. Today at 4 p.m. they play South Georgia College and Thursday at 5 p.m. they face off against Middle Georgia College. Come out and support them!
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OCTOBER 6, 2012
Harvest Celebration
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Georgia Wildlife Exhibit Opening
Langdale Nature Center Opening
Chehaw Park Interactive Wildlife Exhibit
ABAC Mobile Wildlife Display
Equine Demonstrations with Cindy Norman

OCTOBER 20, 2012
A Walk Through History
Spinning/weaving and perserving demo
Native American Reenactors & Dancers
Primitive Skills Demonstrators
Indian Face Painting

OCTOBER 27, 2012
Trick or Treat in the Village
Trick or Treat “tour” of the Village
Monster Spider-Web
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Yard Broom-Making

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ABAC First Tuesday Performance Series Offers Wide Variety

The First Tuesday Performance Series begins its 11th season on Oct. 2 on the campus of ABAC. The series features regional professional artists on the first Tuesdays of selected months.

Dr. Susan Roe, a professor of voice and director of the ABAC Music Program, is the First Tuesday Program Director. The concerts are held in the Chapel of All Faiths on the ABAC campus at 7 p.m. on each date. The performances are open to the public at no cost.

The series begins on Oct. 2 with A Night of Jazz Music featuring the David Brothers Band. Offering a variety of musical styles, the band is comprised of Andy David, piano; John David, drums; Tim Aucoin, bass; Kenyon Carter, saxophone; and Steve Pruitt, trombone.

A Night of Music for Two Pianos featuring Becky Anderson and Gina Lawhon will take place on Nov. 6. Anderson is the pianist for Central United Methodist Church in Fitzgerald. Lawhon is an elementary school music teacher in Tift County and teaches the organ to students in the ABAC music program.

A Night of Chamber Music featuring the Enhake Quartet takes center stage for the concert on Feb. 5, 2013. The Enhake Quartet from Florida State University includes Wonkak Kim, violin; M. Brent Williams, violin; Katherine Geeseman, cello; and Eun-Hee Park, piano. The group regularly performs around the world with a chamber music repertoire spanning classical to contemporary masterworks.

A bonus concert featuring A Night of Choral Music with the Sine Nomine Singers with conductor Dr. David Johnson will be held on Feb. 12, 2013. Johnson founded the Sine Nomine Singers to provide choral singing opportunities and challenging choral works for local singers.

A Night of Singers featuring Matt Hoch and Michelle DeBruyn will take place on March 5, 2013. Hoch is Assistant Professor of Voice in the Department of Music at Auburn University. DeBruyn teaches studio voice, vocal pedagogy and class voice at Columbus State University’s Schwob School of Music.

The series culminates with A Night of Broadway Music on April 2, 2013, showcasing the talents of ABAC voice students as well as guest vocalists Blaine Jacobs, bass-baritone; Barbara Jacobs, mezzo-soprano; Scott Spivey, tenor; Ron Lawhon, tenor; Marlene Thornton, mezzo-soprano; and pianists Gina Lawhon and Susan Spivey.

For more information on the series, interested persons can contact Roe at sroe@abac.edu or go to www.abac.edu/firsttuesday.

Hispanic Heritage Celebrations All Month

The annual Hispanic Heritage Celebration at ABAC will highlight aspects of the Hispanic culture during selected days in September.

This year’s theme, “Keeping the Dream Alive Today for Tomorrow’s Leaders”, is sponsored by the Cultura Latina Club, the Office of Multicultural Education Programs, the Office of the Dean of Students, and the ABAC Diversity Affairs Committee.

Thursday, students can participate and win prizes in Loteria (Mexican Bingo) and on Sept. 17 students can take part in Karaoke Night as part of the month-long celebration. Both events begin at 7 p.m. in the J. Lamar Branch Student Center.

The 9th Annual Hispanic Heritage Celebration will take place on Sept. 20 from 12:30 – 2:30 p.m. at The Meadows at ABAC. The entire community is invited to attend the celebration.

The keynote speaker will be Dr. Raymond Moreno. Moreno earned his medical degree from the Georgia Health Sciences University in Augusta and completed his internal medicine residency at Tampa General Hospital. Moreno practiced with Affinity Clinic for many years and then retired from patient care to serve as Vice President of Medical Affairs with Tift Regional Medical Center (TRMC). He has recently decided to transition back into clinical practice.

He is the past recipient of the Georgia Hospital Association’s “Healthcare Hero” award for his work in promoting migrant and Latino healthcare and education in the region. He continues to serve as the TRMC liaison for the Southwest Georgia Graduate Medical Education Committee, the Southwest Georgia Cancer Coalition and the Tift County Board of Health. The celebration will kick off with a taste of traditional and authentic Hispanic food followed by the welcome and opening remarks by Dr. Niles Reddick, Vice President of Academic Affairs. Javier Gonzales, Director of Multicultural Education Programs, will give the historical perspective as a part of the ceremony. Performers will represent the various countries through Latin dance and feature styles including the Samba, Cumbia Texana, and Merengue. A highlight of the program will be the presentation of the flags by students of the College Assistance Migrant Program (CAMP).

The closing event for the Hispanic Heritage celebration will be a soccer scrimmage on Sept. 27 at 5 p.m. at the ABAC Soccer Field.

Hispanic Heritage Month begins on Sept. 15, the anniversary of independence for five Latin American countries: Costa Rica, El Salvador, Guatemala, Honduras, and Nicaragua. Mexico declared its independence on Sept. 16 and Chile on Sept. 18. The national celebration ends on Oct. 12 with the observation of the date that Christopher Columbus discovered America.
**Baldwin Players Cast**

The Fall play has been cast for ‘Hallelujah Girls’! Below is a list of the entire student cast in order of appearance:

**CHARACTERS and Cast Member**
- CARLENE TRAVIS – Leah Croft
- NITA MOONEY – Ashlyn Eubanks
- MAVIS FLOWERS – Kaylee Stokes
- CRYSTAL HART – Alena Phillips
- SUGAR LEE THOMPKINS – Taylor Williams
- BUNNY SUTHERLAND – Joscelyn Marshall
- BOBBY DWAYNE DILLAHUNT – Tre’mon Mills
- PORTER PADGETT – James Ramsey

The play will be performed in Howard Auditorium on Oct. 25, 26, 27 at 7:00 pm. Mark your calendars for a hilarious treat – no tricks required! Admission will be free for students, faculty, and staff with ABAC ID and $5.00 for everyone else.

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**ANNOUNCEMENT**

The School of Nursing and Health Sciences of Abraham Baldwin Agricultural College wishes to announce that it will be hosting The National League for Nursing Accrediting Commission (NLNAC) site review team as part of its continuing accreditation of its Associate Degree Registered Nursing Program.

You are invited to meet the visit team and share your comments about the program in person at a meeting scheduled for Wednesday, Sept. 19, from 2:30 to 3 p.m. at the Health Sciences Building in room 200.

Written comments are also welcome and should be submitted directly to Sharon Tanner no later than Sept. 14:

Dr. Sharon Tanner, Chief Executive Officer
The National League for Nursing Accrediting Commission
3343 Peachtree Road NE, Suite 850
Atlanta, GA 30326
Or email stanner@lnac.org

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**ABAC Birthdays**

10   John Farrar
11   Allen Saylor
12   Clayton Riehle
12   Robbie Hawsey
12   Becca Turner
12   Jennifer Gunn
13   Erin Campbell
13   Justin Cruce
16   Nathan Mumm

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**Museum Resumes Normal Hours Saturday**

The Museum and Historic Village will be open Tuesday–Saturday from 9 a.m.–4:30 p.m.

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**Volunteers Needed for Family Weekend!**

Our 3rd Annual Family Weekend is Oct. 5 & 6! This is an opportunity to welcome our students’ families back to ABAC! The only way to make this event a success is by you being a part of it, so go ahead and save the dates right now on your calendars. Remember, we can’t do this alone. Jobs available: Greeters, gift distribution, registration, directional guides, and runners—If you want to volunteer email Amanda Jones at ajones@abac.edu with your availability for the weekend.

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**SAVE THE DATE!**

**Stallion Day**

**November 10**