First Tuesday Concert Series Kicks off Tuesday

A “Night of Classical Singing” will open the annual First Tuesday Concert Series at ABAC at 7 p.m. on Oct. 5 in the Chapel of All Faiths.

The Series takes place on five selected first Tuesdays during the year. Dr. Susan Roe, associate professor of voice, directs the series. She said there will be no fee for any of the First Tuesday Concerts this year as the ABAC School of Liberal Arts presents “a gift to the community.” Roe said that persons who want to support the concerts can make contributions to the ABAC Foundation and designate them for the First Tuesday Concert Series.

Other First Tuesday events will be on Nov. 2 with “The Language of Jazz” featuring Vann Thornton and Friends; Feb. 1 with “A Night of Chamber Music” featuring the Marharlika Trio; March 1 with “A Night of Jazz” featuring the VSU Jazz Combo; and April 5 with “A Night of Broadway Music” featuring ABAC graduates and voice majors.

Julie Megginson, soprano; Rebecca Lanning, mezzo-soprano; and Alwen Yeung, pianist, will perform classical pieces for the first concert of the year.

Megginson is Associate Professor of Music and Chair of the Department of Music at Georgia Southwestern. She teaches Voice and directs the GSW Concert Choir and Chamber Singers. She has received a Doctor of Musical Arts in Vocal Performance degree from the University of South Carolina and the Master of Arts in Vocal Performance and Bachelor of Music Education degrees from Eastern Michigan University.

Lanning is the leading scholar of American composer, Kathleen Lockhart Manning. An active choral conductor, Lanning has presented choral master classes and clinics throughout Georgia. She is currently Head of the Music Department and director of the Chamber Singers at Macon State College.

Yeung studied piano with Gabriel Kwok, at the Hong Kong Academy for Performing Arts under a government scholarship. She received her M.M. degree in piano pedagogy from Florida State University. Currently, Yeung is the pianist/organist in the Americus First United Methodist Church and owns a piano studio. Her former piano students won scholarships to the London Royal School of Music and placed in various piano competitions in Hong Kong.

Gubernatorial Candidate to Speak at ABAC Wednesday

Roy Barnes, former governor of Georgia and current gubernatorial candidate, will be on the campus of Abraham Baldwin Agricultural College on October 6 at 2 p.m. in the Health Sciences building, Room 237. Sponsored by the ABAC College Democrats, this event is open to the entire ABAC campus.

A reception will take place in the main lobby of the Health Sciences building at 2 p.m. and then Barnes will speak and answer questions from 2:30 - 3:30 p.m.

For more information regarding this event, contact Dr. Kay Weeks, advisor of the ABAC College Democrats, at (229) 391-4975.

Taste of Tifton Coming Wednesday To ABAC

The Agricultural Business Club at ABAC will host the annual Taste of Tifton on Oct. 6 from 5 – 7 p.m. in the lobby of ABAC Lakeside.

Participants can sample a variety of delicious foods from many of Tifton’s restaurants. There is a cost of $5 for this event.

For more information on the Taste of Tifton event, contact Dustin Bass, advisor of the Agricultural Business Club, at (229) 391-4807.

Men of Empowerment

The Leaders Evolving and Developing Living and Learning Community of Abraham Baldwin Agricultural College attended the Men of Vision Empowerment Summit at Georgia State University. The participants included (l-r) Leo Williams, Tony Tomlinson, Dr. Don Parks, Director of the Office of Student Success; Terence Turner, LEAD Coordinator in the Office of Student Success; Reginald Jackson, Omar Neal, and Spencer Wilson.
Baldwin Players Announce Cast for ‘No Exit’

The cast for “No Exit”, the Baldwin Players’ upcoming fall production at Abraham Baldwin Agricultural College, has been selected. The cast will include Dr. Brian Ray, Mary Porter, Kati Jones, and Austin Flanders. Elizabeth Horton will serve as assistant director of the production.

Ray is a faculty member in the School of Liberal Arts and the advisor of the Honors Program at ABAC. Porter, Kati, and Austin are sophomores. Flanders is a junior from Nashville, majoring in early childhood education. Horton is a freshman animal science major from Gainesville, Fla.

The production dates for “No Exit” are Nov. 11 – 13 at 7:30 p.m. on the third floor of Conger Hall, Room 319. Tickets are free to faculty, staff, and students with ABAC ID. The general public can purchase tickets at the door for $5.

For more information on “No Exit”, contact Dr. John Galyean, Director of the Baldwin Players, at (229) 391-4960 or via e-mail at jgalyean@abac.edu.

Folk Carvings Exhibit Coming to State Museum On November 6

ABAC will host a unique collection of folk carvings during November at the Georgia Museum of Agriculture and Historic Village, which is now operated by the college.

“The Carving Collection of C.L. Morehead, Jr. & Friends”, the first in a series of quarterly exhibits, will be open to the public five days a week. The exhibit hours are Tuesday through Saturday, 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., beginning Nov. 6 and continuing through Dec. 1.

The month-long art show will spotlight the carving collection of C. L. Morehead, Jr., a 1948 graduate of ABAC. Morehead was born and raised in Irwinville. After attending ABAC, he moved to Athens, his current home, to study horticulture at the University of Georgia. In 1959, Morehead opened a retail florist shop, later adding a wholesale florist operation.

His friendship with Georgia artist Lamar Dodd grew into Morehead’s passion for collecting art. The Morehead home is a stunning showcase of sculptures, oriental rugs, carvings, china, pre-Columbian art, and paintings, including the largest known collection of Dodd’s work: nearly 700 oil paintings and watercolors.

Each piece in Morehead’s personal carving collection is the work of Fitzgerald’s Randy Anthony. Having sold his first pen and ink drawing at the age of 15, Anthony progressed to oil paintings and participated in art shows for several years.

Following his work in oils, Anthony fell in love with “scrimshaw”, one of the most important, truly American folk arts, and started carving in ivory, wood, stone, and metal. Five years of working on scrimshaw have been followed by 20 years of carving large, one-of-a-kind pieces. Today Anthony remains a self-taught artist, most often using found or discarded pieces of wood, metal, and stone for his carvings.

Mr. and Mrs. Anthony’s personal inventory of carvings and a special piece on loan from the private collection of Judge and Mrs. Robert W. Chasteen, Jr., complete the Morehead Exhibit.

The November exhibit will feature varying sizes of artwork, each with its own unique story. Carvings made of wax, aerated concrete, granite, ivory, steel, and many distinctive varieties of wood will be on display. Visitors will encounter rare American elm, red mulberry, black walnut, ceder, poplar, Cypress, and silver maple. A small number of the carvings on display will be available for sale.

Garden clubs, school and church groups, home school associations, and organizations are encouraged to call Polly Huff, exhibit coordinator and docent, at (229) 391-4818 or email phuff@abac.edu to schedule a private guided visit. Anthony may be available, upon request, for a lecture on specific dates.

ABAC Captures Tournament Win

The ABAC golf team captured wins over Georgia Military College, Andrew College, and South Georgia College in a recent tournament at the Golf Club of South Georgia. The team had a two-day total of 605.

Three ABAC golfers, Kevin and Keith Beaudin of Manchester and Case Gard of Lakeland, Fla., were selected for the All-Tournament team. Kevin is a turfgrass and golf course management major; Keith is an environmental horticulture technology major; and Gard is a turfgrass and golf course management major. Gard was also the low medalist in this tournament.

Herb Hendrix is the coach for the ABAC golfers.

Flu Shots Now Available In The Health Center

Flu shots are available now in limited quantities in the Student Health Center. The cost is $15. Vaccines are available from 9 a.m. - 4:30 p.m. Monday through Thursday and 9 a.m. - 2 p.m. on Friday while supplies last.
Family Weekend 2010 - A Resounding Success!
The Family Weekend Committee would like to thank all of the faculty and staff who participated in and helped with the first ever Family Weekend. The weekend’s events were a huge success, with numbers in the 300s for some of the activities. Faculty offered interactive classes for parents and families. Many staff members volunteered to help with registration and throughout all of the events, mingling with families and keeping their offices open on Saturday. Thank you to all who helped make this weekend a huge success.

Fillies At Home This Weekend
The ABAC women’s soccer team will host league power Georgia Perimeter at 4 p.m. on Friday at the ABAC Soccer Field. Coach Jimmy Ballenger’s team will also take on Clearwater at home on Saturday at 3 p.m. Come out and support these ABAC athletes.

ABAC Birthdays
5  Etta Lee  
7  Teresa Williams  
7  Vonda Fenn  
7  Edward Godwin  
8  Gabby Ramirez  
9  Rebecca Arnold  
9  Cindy Barber  
10  Shirley Wilson  
10  Philip Hightower

Mark Your Calendar for Stallion Day
November 13

First Baldwin Woman’s Club Meeting Oct. 11
Become a member of the Baldwin Woman’s Club. Membership is open to faculty/staff and spouses of faculty/staff. Dues are just $10 a year and are used to fund a scholarship awarded to a deserving ABAC student.

Mark your calendars to join club members in the conference center at the Georgia Museum of Agriculture Oct. 11 at noon. Lunch will be catered and will cost $10. RSVP by Wednesday by contacting Teresa Williams 391-4830 or twilliams@abac.edu.

If you are unable to attend lunch, send form and $10 dues to Nancy Brannen in the School of Science and Math.

Pumpkin Patch and Corn Maze Now Open at Museum
The pumpkin patch and corn maze will be open every Saturday in October from 11 a.m. — 5 p.m. at the Tifton Welcome Center at the entrance to the Georgia Museum of Agriculture and Historic Village. Persons who are interested in bringing a large group on a weekday field trip should contact Angela Moore at the Spearman Agency at (229) 386-0216.

Admission to the pumpkin patch is free. Children can pick their own pumpkins priced at $2 and up. Visitors can also navigate their way through the corn maze or ride the steam train for $2 each. Moore said there are lots of great fall photo opportunities at the pumpkin patch.

The ABAC Ambassadors will be doing face painting and selling concessions on Oct. 9. Special thanks to SPAGE for painting the pictured cutout and others to decorate the Pumpkin Patch.

The Agrirama Foundation is sponsoring the event.

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