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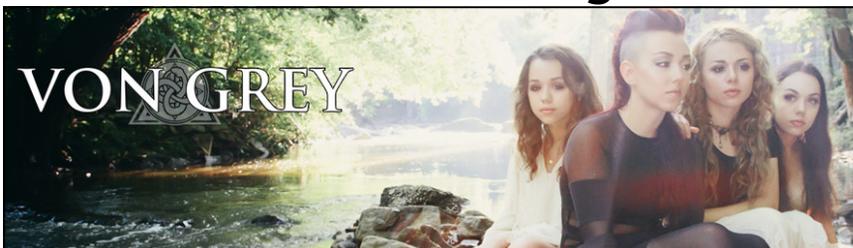
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Purchase Tickets Now for *An Evening for ABAC* March 7

You are invited to attend *An Evening for ABAC* on March 7. This long-standing event raises money for ABAC Scholarships.

This year's event will feature Von Grey, an American Alternative Folk band from Atlanta, composed of four sisters: Kathryn, Annika, Fiona, and Petra. They have appeared on "Late Show with David Letterman," "Conan," and NBC's "Rock Center with Brian Williams." This great entertainment will be accompanied by an out-



A robust scholarship program is paramount to attracting outstanding students to ABAC. In 2013-2014, we are supporting 42 students with funds generated by last year's event.

standing meal and time of fellowship.

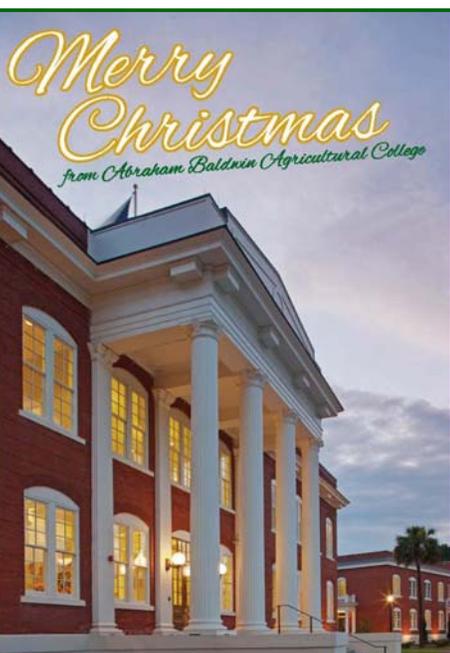
To purchase tickets visit abac.edu/foundation. In addition to paying online, you can also take advantage paying for your purchase through payroll deduction over the next four months.

This year's spectacular event will be enjoyable, and your attendance will ensure we reach our goal. Please take this opportunity to join your colleagues in supporting our students!

Thanksgiving Holiday Hours

The main campus and ABAC on the Square will be closed for business beginning on Thursday and reopen at 8 a.m. Monday, Dec. 2.

Donaldson Dining Hall will close Tuesday after lunch and reopen Monday for normal business hours. The Pizza Hut/ Subconnection will close Tuesday at 10 p.m. and reopen Saturday and Sunday from 11 a.m. to 7 p.m. and return to normal business hours on Monday Dec. 2. The Aggie C-store will close at 10 p.m. on Tuesday and will be open Wednesday from 11 a.m.- 2 p.m. and reopen Sunday at 6 p.m.



Holiday Open House

President and Mrs. David Bridges cordially invite you to a Holiday Open House

December 3

6:30- 8:30 p.m.

Tift Hall

2802 Moore Highway

Tifton, Georgia

*Valet parking available on ABAC Circle and shuttles available from parking lot behind Health Sciences Building.



ABAC Honors Dr. Rod Brown as Professor Emeritus

Dr. Rod Brown was the guest of honor at a Professor Emeritus Recognition ceremony on Wednesday at ABAC. Brown (center) received a framed copy of his Professor Emeritus recognition letter from ABAC President David Bridges (left) and an engraved Wise Old Owl from Agriculture and Natural Resources Dean Tim Marshall (right). "Due to this man's wisdom, the forestry and wildlife program achieved industry recognition and countless students received a quality education," Marshall said. Brown was a faculty member at ABAC from 1982 until his retirement in July, 2013.

'It's A Wonderful Life: Live from WVU Radio Theatre' on December 5 in Howard Aud.

"It's A Wonderful Life: Live from WVU Radio Theatre" will be a delightful part of your holiday season on Dec. 5 at 7 p.m. in Howard Auditorium at ABAC. This event from the "ABAC Presents! Performing Arts Series" features the artists of Immediate Theatre Project. Doors will open at 6:30 p.m.

Frank Capra's classic Christmas staple is reinvented with an innovative reworking of "It's A Wonderful Life" performed by the fictional studio employees of the WVU Radio Theatre. The story line involves a blizzard which prevents the professional voice actors of WVU from reaching the theatre to perform the Christmas classic. The show must go on, so a small and determined crew of performers band together to create the dozens of movie characters and scenes using nothing but their voices and a sound effects table.

The company's painstaking attention to detail lends way to nostalgic charm



for anyone in the audience sharing in this holiday masterpiece. The authenticity, warmth, and pure professional care from the performers shines through the moment the cast

comes in the stage door. The bonus of a localized and tailored radio commercial of a community business or sponsor being advertised circa 1946 gives the program that extra-added validity.

While available tickets will be sold at the door on the day of the event, Series Director Wayne Jones encourages advance purchase of tickets to ensure seating for patrons. Individual tickets are \$15 for adults and \$10 for students under 18 years of age.

Other performances in the series include the Azalea Quartet on Feb. 18, 2014 at 7 p.m. in Howard Auditorium, the Fisk Jubilee Singers on March 29,

2014 at 7 p.m. at First Baptist Church of Tifton, and jazz saxophonist Roger Pemberton on April 17, 2014 at 7 p.m. in Howard Auditorium.

Tickets for the entire performing arts series are \$50 for adults, \$20 for students under 18 years of age, and \$125 for a Family Pass which includes two adults and two or more student passes. Tickets can be purchased online at www.purplepass.com/abac or by phone at (229) 391-4895.

"ABAC Presents!" is supported in part by the Georgia Council for the Arts (GCA) through the appropriations of the Georgia General Assembly. The series is also supported, in part, by a generous grant from South Arts. GCA and South Arts also receive support from their partner agency, the National Endowment for the Arts.

To learn more about the series, interested persons can visit the "ABAC Presents!" web page at www.abac.edu/more/arts-connection/abac-presents-performing-arts-series.

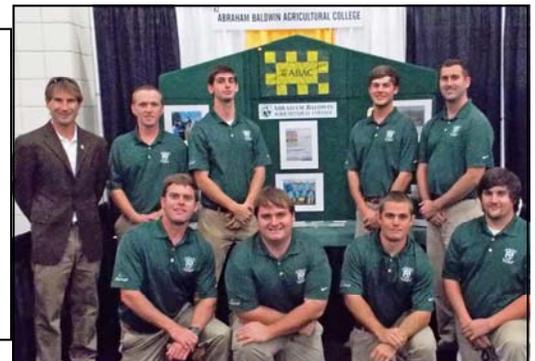


ABAC Art Students Display Work During Exhibit

ABAC art students displayed their works in the Bowen Art Gallery on the bottom floor of Bowen Hall during an exhibit last week. J. Daniel Cordova's clay glaze ceramic, "Roar of Courage," and Jean Gay's oil on canvas, "Aftermath," were two of the many pieces featured during the exhibit last week.

Turf Students Represent ABAC in Myrtle Beach

From November 18-20, eight Turfgrass and Golf Course Management students represented ABAC at the 2013 Carolinas Golf Course Superintendents Association Conference in Myrtle Beach, SC. The turf students attended educational seminars, participated in the Carolinas Turf Bowl competition, visited with ABAC alumni, and gained experience networking with area golf course superintendents. Pictured from L to R: (front) Patrick Douglas, Chris Pitts, Tony Muckenfuss, Zach Bryant (back) John Layton, Brad Thompson, Carson Chittum, Hunter Cook, James Galvin.



ABAC Music Major Recitals December 2 & 4-5

The music majors at ABAC will present recitals on Dec. 2 and Dec. 4-5 at 4 p.m. each day in the Chapel of All Faiths. The performances are open to the public at no charge.

Each of the three recitals will be approximately one hour in length and will feature a diversity of styles in performance ranging from voices to handheld and upright instruments. Musical selections will feature representative compositions of composers from the Baroque through the Twentieth Century. At the present time there are 44 ABAC music majors. Thirty-six of those will perform in recital this semester.

The recitals will feature music majors Avery Atnip, a sophomore from Thomasville; Victoria Banks, a freshman from Moultrie; Krystina Braswell, a sophomore from Conyers; Ridge Bullard, a freshman from Moultrie; Travius Burch, a sophomore from Sylvester; Shelby

Clements, a freshman from Tifton; Chad Calhoun, a freshman from Quitman; Cody Cone, a sophomore from Poulan; Ashley Connelly, a sophomore from Thomasville; Alandria Daniel, a freshman from Tifton; Jesse Davis, a freshman from Moultrie; and Taelor Dennard, a freshman from Tifton.

Additional music majors performing will include Jonathan Fallin, a sophomore from Fitzgerald; Tye Fowler, a freshman from Sylvester; Matthew Fuller, a freshman from Fitzgerald; Hugo Galvan, a freshman from Tifton; Terrence Gibson, Jr., a freshman from Baxley; Kezia Green, a sophomore from Sylvester; Daniel Hardy, a sophomore from Ashburn; Nicholas Hartley, a sophomore from Moultrie; Brandon Horton, a sophomore from Thomasville; Erica Humbert, a sophomore from Thomasville; Anfernee Jackson, a freshman from Albany; Kaycee Johnson, a fresh-

man from Tifton; Lauren Lever, a freshman from Tifton, and Kreshon McDowell, a freshman from Valdosta.

Other music majors performing will include Hayley Milner, a freshman from Tifton; Alena Phillips, a sophomore from Richmond Hill; Payne Pitts, a freshman from Alapaha; Valerie Sharlow, a sophomore from Quitman; Donnorious Shelton, a freshman from Fitzgerald; Mariah Slaughter, a sophomore from Cairo; Rachel Smith, a freshman from Jefferson; Shad Steptoe, a freshman from Douglas; Wes Trull, a sophomore from Fitzgerald; and Tyler Williams, a freshman from Tifton.

For more information on ABAC's music program or upcoming events, interested persons can contact Dr. Susan Roe, Professor of Voice and Director of Choral Music, at sroe@abac.edu.

Kindergarten Comes to ABAC to Learn

A group of 142 kindergarten students from Len Lastinger School enjoyed a day at ABAC on Friday. ABAC Education Department Coordinator Amy Warren coordinated the visit which included seven different educational stops staffed by ABAC students in the education program. Ashley Dodson (left), an education major from Tifton, and Hannah Howard (right), an agricultural education major from Statesboro, work with students in Treci Morrow's class to make Thanksgiving leaves. Morrow is a 1996 ABAC alumnus. Students wrote what they were thankful for on the leaves and placed them on a tree in front of Tift Hall.



"deepsouth" Screening was Roaring Success

Last Thurs. was a very eventful and educational day at ABAC. Lisa Biagiotti director and producer of the documentary 'deepsouth' spent the day on campus. She spoke to three classes on what it was like to produce a film, the politics of AIDS in the Rural South and much more. The South Health District conducted free HIV testing for more than 200 students. The screening of "deepsouth" was viewed by a packed Howard Auditorium filled with students, faculty, staff and community members that evening in Howard. After the screening Biagiotti took questions from the audience. The surprise of the evening was Josh Alexander, one of the subjects from the movie, joining the discussion via Skype. Alexander is a college student in Mississippi who will be graduating next month with a degree in social work from Delta State University. Thank you to the School of Nursing and Health Sciences and the South Health District for making this event a success.

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Tuesday
12/3/13
11 am-2 pm

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ABAC Birthdays

- 25 Brenda Graham
- 27 Doug Hicks
- 29 Kaitlin Stannard

