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Piano, Trumpet & Violin Featured at ABAC First Tuesday Nov. 5

Accomplished artists on the piano, trumpet, and violin will showcase their talents on Tues. at the First Tuesday performance at 7 p.m. in the Chapel of All Faiths at ABAC. This night of strings and brass 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.

Titled "Jurs and Friends", the program will include Dr. Douglas Jurs from ABAC on piano, University of Georgia trumpet professor Brandon Craswell on trumpet, and Georgia Academy of Music instructor Fia Durrett on violin.

Selections for the concert include Ludwig van Beethoven's "Sonata in G for violin and piano, Op. 30 no. 3", "Scherzo #2 in B-flat minor, Op. 31" composed by Frédéric Chopin, Francis Poulenc's "Les Chemins De L'Amour",

"Prelude #2" written by George Gershwin, and Eric Ewazen's "Trio for Trumpet, Violin, and Piano".

Jurs, a Chicago-born pianist, joined the ABAC faculty in 2012 as an assistant professor of piano and music theory. He had previously been on the piano faculties at the University of Wisconsin-Madison and Edgewood College. He has performed solo and collaborative recitals throughout the U.S. and abroad in cities such as Vienna, Nice, and Milan. He won first prize at the 2004 Lee Biennial Piano Competition and was the winner of the University of Wisconsin Beethoven Competition in 2010.

Besides performing in concerts, Jurs presented a paper at the Wisconsin Science Festival about the intersection of cognitive science, biography and music performance in his own creative work. He is also scheduled to present lecture recitals at College Music Society South-

ern and Northeastern Regional Conferences.

Jurs is the Founder and Artistic Director of the Blue Horse Music Festival in Woodstock, Vt., a biannual winter/summer concert series that features acclaimed musicians performing in the intimate Blue Horse Inn music parlor. He was one of the

first teachers to work with the University of Wisconsin Piano Pioneers program, an initiative that brings affordable music lessons to low-income students.

Jurs' music degrees are from the University of Wisconsin, Cleveland Institute of Music, and Indiana University Jacobs School of Music, where he was a double major in piano and English literature.

Craswell holds undergraduate and graduate degrees in trumpet performance from Indiana University and a Doctor of Musical Arts degree from the



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Fireworks Add Bang to Veterans Day Celebration Saturday

Fireworks, live music and a salute to Veterans and Fallen Soldiers will highlight the Veterans Day Celebration on Nov. 9 at the Georgia Museum of Agriculture and Historic Village at ABAC.

All veterans and active duty military will be welcome at the Museum free of charge for both the day and evening events. Admission for other visitors to the Museum that day is \$10 for adults, \$8 for seniors, and \$5 for children. Children four years old and younger are admitted free of charge. The daily admission rate includes entrance into the Veterans Day Celebration evening activities beginning at 5 p.m. If visitors choose to come for only the evening event the cost of admission is \$10 per car.

The Veterans Day Celebration will take place from 5-8:30 p.m. Admission to the night's event is \$10 per car for non-military guests. The evening's Mas-

ter of Ceremonies will be Command Sergeant Major Phillip Stringfield of the United States Army Georgia National Guard. Service members from the Georgia National Guard will also be on hand with a rock climbing wall, the National Guard Hummer, and the Mr. Sergeant inflatable display. Mike Purvis's custom painted Harley Davidson motorcycle will also be on display. Food vendors will be on-site providing tasty refreshments.

The evening's events will commence with the Disney movie "The Incredibles," from 5:15-7 p.m., followed by a musical performance by the First United Methodist Church Bluegrass Band from 7 - 7:35 p.m. A presentation of the Colors will follow the concert and Tift



County Girl Scouts will lead the crowd in the Pledge of Allegiance. Command Sergeant Major Stringfield will conduct a Salute to Veterans and Fallen Soldiers at 7:45 p.m. Talented Tifton singer Jessica Padgett will perform "America the Beautiful." A spectacular fireworks display over Agrirama Lake will cap off the evening.

Visitors are welcome to bring blankets, chairs, and coolers to the Veterans Day Celebration. No alcohol or pets are permitted.

For additional information about the Veterans Day Celebration, interested persons can contact call 229-391-5205 or visit www.abac.edu/museum/events.

Stallion Day Saturday

The first Stallion Day of the 2013 Academic year is Saturday. Below you will find a schedule of the events for the day. The order in which activities occur has changed a bit in an effort to accommodate all future students and their families. Some of the room numbers for the hands-on learning sessions may change depending on attendance. If you are leading a session, you will be notified of the change.

If you are an advisor of a club or organization that would like to participate in the Stallion Marketplace and you have not reserved a table, contact Brooke Jernigan, bjernigan@abac.edu by Wednesday.

TIME	ACTIVITY	LOCATION
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	<u>Hands on learning/ <i>Students only</i></u> Ag and Natural Resources Business Human Sciences Liberal Arts Nursing Science and Math	<u>Locations vary</u> Bowen Hall, Room 100 Lewis Hall, Room 104 Health Sciences, Room 249 Health Sciences, Room 254 Health Sciences, Room 160 Health Sciences, Room 108
9:30-10:30	Information Session/ <i>Families Only</i>	Donaldson Dining Hall
10:40-11:50	Stallion Marketplace	Gressette Gymnasium
11:50-1:00	Lunch & Drawings	Donaldson Dining Hall
1:00-2:00	Conversation Corners Pick 2 sessions to attend <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ 1:15-1:35 ▪ 1:40-2:00 	Health Sciences Building: Honors, Room 249 Housing, Room 237 I am a Homeschooler, Room 259 Music, Room 254 Student Life, Room 108 Study Abroad, Room 114
2:00-2:30	Financial Aid Sessions	Health Sciences, Rooms 108 & 114
2:00-until...	Apply to ABAC!	Health Sciences, Room 167
2:30-until...	Tours of ABAC Lakeside	ABAC Lakeside Lobby

Stallions Baseball will be playing a scrimmage double header on Stallion Field at 1 p.m., encourage Stallion Day participants to come out and support the team.

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University of Kentucky. Prior to his 2008 appointment to UGA, he coordinated the brass department and directed the jazz ensemble at Minot (N.D.) State University. He has played with the Atlanta, Indianapolis, Jacksonville, and Honolulu Symphonies, including a performance at Carnegie Hall with the Atlanta Symphony Orchestra. In the summer of 2010, he played principal trumpet with the Santiago, Chile Philharmonic.

Originally from Houston, Texas, Dur-

rett made her debut with the Houston Symphony at the age of 18, playing the Brahms Violin Concerto. She holds a bachelor's and a master's degree from the Juilliard School, where she served as concertmaster of both orchestras. An avid chamber musician, she was a prize winner in the Fischhoff and Coleman Chamber Music Competitions and a finalist in the Concert Artist Guild International Competition.

For more information on the First Tuesday Concert Series, interested persons can contact Roe at sroe@abac.edu.

Tom Turkey Auction
begins Wed. at 8:30

a.m. & ends

Friday at noon.

For more information,
contact Nancy Anthony at
nanthony@abac.edu.



Carpenter Named Director of Housing Operations at ABAC

Tim Carpenter has been named the Director of Housing Operations at ABAC. Originally from Asheville, N.C., Carpenter received his bachelor's degree in Manufacturing Engineering Technology from Western Carolina University.

Carpenter spent 12 years at Moultrie Manufacturing Company. He served as Engineering Manager for the company for 10 of those years and worked as the General Manager his last two years. As an Engineering Manager some of his duties included running the railing department, design, and customer support. As the General Manager, he was in charge of the overall day-to-day operations including sales and personnel.

Carpenter is not a stranger to ABAC since his wife, Tonia, is Manager of the Country Store at the Georgia Museum of Agriculture and Historic Village.

"Everyone is so friendly, and the campus is just beautiful," said Carpenter. "I have no complaints."

As far as his goals as the new director of housing operations, it's very simple for Carpenter.

"I just want to make the apartments as nice as I can for the students at ABAC," he said.

He can be contacted at timcarpenter@abac.edu or 229.391.5179



Veteran's Day Celebration Nov. 11

ABAC Veteran's are invited to a Veteran's Day appreciation celebration Nov. 11 beginning at 11:30 a.m. State Farm is sponsoring the event and there will be grilled hot dogs and hamburgers in the Meadows from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. There will also be gifts for the veterans as well as some "door prizes".

Veteran students, faculty and staff should've received an invite, but if not just present your Military I.D. upon arrival.

Contact Jessica Swords at jswords@abac.edu or 229.391.5010 for more information. Thank you for all you do for our country!



Canned Food Drive to Benefit Ruth's Cottage

ABAC Dining Services will be hosting a canned food drive on Nov. 11 and 12 from 11:30 to 2:30. Anyone that brings in **four** canned goods will receive a free lunch in the dining hall. Bring your canned food items and support Ruth's Cottage. Contact Tina Duggins at tduggins@abac.edu for more information.



Marshall Stepping Down After Seven Years as Dean

Dr. Tim Marshall will step down as Dean of the School of Agriculture and Natural Resources at ABAC on June 30, 2014.

Marshall will marry Dr. Allison Faber of Mechanicsville, Va. While he is stepping down as Dean, Marshall will continue to work with ABAC on assignments that will continue to grow the School of Agriculture and Natural Resources and the College.

He came to the college as a student in the fall of 1975. After a long academic career at the University of Florida, Marshall returned to ABAC as a division chair and professor in 2006. When ABAC reorganized from seven divisions to six schools of study in 2009, Marshall

was named Dean.

During his seven year tenure, Marshall has led the School of Agriculture and Natural Resources during a period of tremendous growth, with enrollment increasing from 550 to over 1000. Under his leadership, the School of Agriculture and Natural Resources has gained recognition and respect for ABAC's graduates in the agriculture and natural resource industries. Through his industry knowledge and alumni status from ABAC, Marshall has been instrumental in reconnecting with individuals that employ our graduates and support the



College.

"Dr. Marshall has been a tremendous asset to the College and certainly to the School of Agriculture and Natural Resources," said Dr. Niles Reddick, Vice President for Academic Affairs. "He led the implementation of the Bachelor degree programs in Diversified Agriculture, Turfgrass and Golf Course Management, and Natural Resources Management. I have certainly enjoyed working with him."

This advance notice allows ABAC to conduct an extensive search for this vital position.

Important USG 2014 Benefits Open Enrollment

Due to the many changes related to benefits for 2014, (including the transition of all ABAC voluntary plans to a system wide USG voluntary benefits platform), it is critical that you plan to attend one of our ABAC OE formal employee communication sessions. **ENROLLMENT WILL BE ACTIVE THIS YEAR, NOT PASSIVE - THIS MEANS THAT EACH EMPLOYEE WILL BE REQUIRED TO MAKE ELECTIONS!**

A tobacco user surcharge of \$50 is being expanded to each tobacco user covered by the plan. Employees who do not update their tobacco user status during Open Enrollment will default to a tobacco user, and a \$50 monthly surcharge will be added to their healthcare premium.

ABAC Open Enrollment formal employee communication meetings will be offered at the Branch Student Center Courtroom at the following dates and times:

11/ 11: 8:15 a.m., 10 a.m., 12 p.m., 2 p.m., and 4 p.m.

11/12: 9 a.m., 11 a.m., 2 p.m., and 4 p.m.

11/ 13: 10 a.m., 1 p.m., 3 p.m., and 5 p.m.

11/19: 9 a.m., 11 a.m., 1 p.m., and 3 p.m.

11/ 20: 10 a.m., 12 p.m., 2 p.m., and 4 p.m.

Please sign up for the date and time that works best for you using the following link:

<http://www.emailmeform.com/builder/form/7AdmfUIRQe>

In addition, on Nov. 11 a vendor fair will be held in the Nickelodeon in the Branch Student Center, introducing new and returning benefit vendors. Vendors will include: Blue Cross Blue Shield , US Bank , Express Scripts, Delta Dental, Minnesota Life, MetLife, Eye Med, VALIC, Hilliard Financial, TIAA-CREF, and TRS. **Employees who attend both the vendor fair and an OE communications meeting will be eligible for vendor prize drawings (including a pair of Ray Ban or Oakley sunglasses).**

University System of Georgia Benefits



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Benefits for your life

You're unique. Your benefits should be, too. For 2014, the University System of Georgia will offer **benefit options** to give you and your family the protection you need and peace of mind you want.

During Open Enrollment — Monday, Nov. 11 – Friday, Nov. 22 — you'll have the ability to select your benefit options for 2014, including:

- Healthcare coverage
- Dental, vision, life and disability insurance
- A Health Savings Account (HSA) and/or flexible spending account (FSA), which allow you to save on health, dental, vision and dependent care expenses

Get ready for success

1. Attend a Benefits Fair or meeting

Many institutions will have on-site Benefits Fairs or meetings where you can learn more. Watch your email for dates and times of events near you.

2. Enroll

Get the coverage you want for 2014. **Between Monday, Nov. 11, and Friday, Nov. 22**, log on to the Employee Self Service System at <http://portal.adp.com>, then select the Benefits tab. If you have never registered, click *First Time User Register Here*. Your passcode is USG-6775. Follow the prompts indicated on each page.

3. Certify your tobacco use status

During enrollment, certify the tobacco use status for you and your dependents age 18+ covered by a USG healthcare plan.



Celebrating Rural Georgia Conference

ABAC was represented well during the Celebrating Rural Georgia Conference last week. The day long event provided a networking and professional development opportunity for our Rural Studies students and many faculty.

ABAC Presents Evening of Jazz Thursday in Howard Auditorium

The Jazz Ensemble and Jazz Choir at ABAC will present an evening of jazz music on Thurs. at 7 p.m. in Howard Auditorium. Sponsored by the ABAC Music Program in the School of Liberal Arts, this concert is open to the public at no charge.

Led by Director of Jazz Studies Donald Coates, the Jazz Ensemble will perform a variety of jazz selections.

A fast swinging riff-oriented blues chart, "A Nasty Bit of Blues" by Doug Beach, opens the evening. The Jazz Ensemble will also feature two compositions by legendary Count Basie Orchestra composer Sammy Nestico in his arrangement of the 1941 ballad classic "Lover Man", followed by his 2009 Grammy-nominated jazz samba recording of "Out Of the Night".

"Sugar Train", a straight-ahead swing tune dedicated to Stanley Turrentine and John Coltrane, will be the next selection, followed by "Freedom Jazz

Dance", a jazz-funk standard arranged by contemporary composer Eric Richards.

The final selection of the night will feature the percussionists of the band in "Peaceful Thunder", an arrangement written for the legendary drummer Louie Bellson. Soloists who will be featured will include Barry Coffee, a community musician on trumpet; Tyler Partin, an engineering major from Cordele, on bass; Stephen Barron, a sophomore nursing major from Tifton, on alto sax; Harry King, a former ABAC music major from Albany, on tenor sax; Wes Trull, a sophomore music major from Brunswick, on guitar; and Tye Fowler, a freshman music major from Sylvester, on drums.

The second half of the concert will spotlight the members of the ABAC Jazz Choir, an auditioned group of singers from within the ABAC Concert Choir, directed by Dr. Susan Roe, Professor of

Voice, Director of Choral Music, and Music Chair.

The choir will begin with Dave and Iola Brubeck's "Take Five" arranged by Kirby Shaw, followed by "Fly Me to the Moon" by Bart Howard and arranged by Kirby Shaw. The Choir will be accompanied by the ABAC Jazz Ensemble rhythm section and Dr. Douglas Jurs, Assistant Professor of Theory and Piano at ABAC.

Soloists Terrence Gibson, a freshman music vocal major from Baxley, and Kezia Green, a sophomore vocal music major from Sylvester, will be featured with the jazz choir on Hoagy Carmichael's classic, "Georgia On My Mind", arranged by Kirby Shaw. The group will end its portion of the concert with Bob Russell and Duke Ellington's "Don't Get Around Much Anymore", arranged by Mark Hayes.

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

Seal Team 6 Member Speaking

The Stafford School of Business is hosting Coleman Ruiz, a member of SEAL Team 6, on Wed. The sessions will be at 10 a.m. and 3:30 p.m. in Bowen 100. Ruiz will also be around campus that day for students to meet and talk with. Seal Team 6 is credited with taking down Bin Laden in 2011. The sessions are open for anyone to attend.



Jones Speaks on Importance of Chamber

Keri Jones, Accountant at Allen Pritchett & Bassett, LLP, spoke to Franzelle Pertilla's Small Business Mgmt class on the importance of making business connections and how the Chamber of Commerce plays an integral role in that process.

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Judge Mims Speaks to ABAC Ethics Class

Judge Larry Mims spoke to Franzelle Pertilla's Leadership and Ethics class on how the environment of business is vastly influenced by each.

