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### Pianist Jasmin Arakawa to Perform at Virtuoso Series Tues.

Internationally-renowned pianist Jasmin Arakawa will perform at the Virtuoso Chamber Music Series on Tues. at 7 p.m. in Howard Auditorium at ABAC. The performance is free of charge and open to the community.

ABAC Arts Connection Director Wayne Jones said the Virtuoso Chamber Music Series is designed to promote an appreciation for the tremendous expressive capacity of fine piano and chamber music. The series features skilled musicians drawn from outstanding regional and national professional artists.

Arakawa has performed widely in North, Central, and South



America, Europe, and Japan. She has showcased her talent in prestigious venues worldwide including Carnegie Hall, Salle Gaveau in Paris, and Geneva's Victoria Hall. Born in Japan, she is a graduate of the Tokyo University of the Arts. She holds a Doctor of Music degree and a

Master of Music degree from Indiana University's Jacobs School of Music.

An avid chamber musician, Arakawa has collaborated with such artists as cellists Colin Carr and Gary Hoffman, flutists Jean Ferrandis and Marina Piccinini, clarinetist James Campbell, and the Penderecki Quartet. She is a founding member of Trio Micheletti, which tours

extensively and records chamber works by Latin American composers.

Arakawa joined the University of South Alabama's Department of Music as assistant professor in 2014. Prior university appointments include stints as an associate instructor at Indiana University and accompanying coordinator at Western Illinois University. Arakawa is also on faculty at Piracicaba International Summer Festival in Brazil and the Silicon Valley Music Festival in San Jose, Calif. She has given master classes in various venues, including The Center for Music Education in Heliopolis in Brazil, located in one of the largest favelas in Latin America.

For more information on the Virtuoso Chamber Music Series, interested persons can contact Jones at [wjones@abac.edu](mailto:wjones@abac.edu).

### Annette Rigdon Swan Exhibit Opens Jan. 28 at Museum

Art lovers in the Tifton area have known for years that Annette Rigdon Swan was a local treasure. Now members of the general public get the chance to view her beautiful work in a retrospective show which opens with a reception on Jan. 28 from 5:30-7 p.m. in the lobby of the Georgia Museum of Agriculture and Historic Village at ABAC.

"Annette has had quite a prolific artistic career which has produced hundreds of pieces of art scattered across the South in collections, exhibits, and the homes of private collectors," Polly Huff, assistant director and curator at the Museum, said. "Annette has not only given the world her artwork, but has also shared her talents by teaching and mentoring many art



students through the years."

Huff said the Museum Gallery in partnership with Tiftarea Artisans is sponsoring the exhibit which will remain on display through Feb. 27. Following opening night, the exhibit will be included in the Museum's daily admission ticket and will be

free with a current Museum Season Pass.

The opening night reception is open to the community at no charge. Refreshments will be provided by Dave's Bread and Coffee House.

Even at the age of 96, Swan is still active in the arts community in Tifton, hosting artist groups on Tuesdays. She has retired her oils for the most part and now favors pastels and watercolors. Her students and four children carry on her artistic legacy.

For more information on this exhibit, interested persons can contact Tiftarea Artisans at [tiftareaartisans@outlook.com](mailto:tiftareaartisans@outlook.com) or Huff at [phuff@abac.edu](mailto:phuff@abac.edu).

## Great Things Happening in the Academic Achievement Center



**AAC Employs Record Number of Tutors for Spring 2016 Semester**  
 The Academic Achievement Center will be employing 35 tutors for the spring semester. The increase in tutor numbers is a result of student demand for tutoring and increased traffic in the AAC. This is the largest group of tutors the AAC has ever had working. The tutors are all certified through the College Reading and Learning Association, earning 3 levels of certification as they continue with the AAC employment.

### Veterans Success Center and AAC Hire First-Ever Veterans Tutors

Marcus McDonald (writing) and Sheila Norvell (math) have been hired and trained as tutors for ABAC's growing veteran population. The tutors, in conjunction with the Veterans Affairs Office and the AAC, will be available to all veteran students free of charge throughout the semester. These students not only meet the strict requirements of the certifying body, CRLA, but also are veterans themselves. Their schedules will be available online and in the AAC and VSC. Marcus and Sheila will be tutoring in the Veterans Success Center throughout the week.



### Weatherford Hired as Event and Information Coordinator

Leanne Weatherford has recently been hired as the Event and Information Coordinator. Her office is located in Tift Hall and she will be responsible for managing facility scheduling and event coordination. She attended East Tennessee State University where she met and married her husband, Joseph Weatherford, an officer with the ABAC Police Department. They have 2 children, Alex, a current freshman at ABAC, and Kirsche, a sophomore at Irwin County High School. Weatherford most recently worked with Fender-Goggans Orthodontics. If you need assistance planning your event or reserving a facility, please contact her at 229.391.5057 or [lweatherford@abac.edu](mailto:lweatherford@abac.edu).



## 'Bottles and Brushes' Art Class on Friday at the Museum

The Georgia Museum of Agriculture and Historic Village at ABAC will host the first "Bottles and Brushes" art class of 2016 on Friday from 6-8 p.m. Participants will paint "Happy as a Pig" by Brenda Rose, a local artist and the "Bottles and Brushes" instructor.



Rose will guide participants through the process of recreating her original work, while students create their own interpretation before their eyes. Participants can bring their favorite beverage while enjoying an evening of creativity and fun. The Gallery at the Museum will provide the paint,

canvas and brushes.

Registration for the class is on a first come, first served basis upon payment of the fee. Space is limited so early registration is important. Participants must register ahead of time by contacting Huff at (229) 391-5222 or by e-mailing her at [phuff@abac.edu](mailto:phuff@abac.edu). The class fee is \$25 per person or \$40 for couples. It is non-refundable and non-transferable. The fee includes all supplies and instruction.

## ABAC Birthdays

18 Kaycee Jones    19 Lisa Seibert    20 JoAnn Brannen  
 20 Paul Willis    21 Marcus Johnson    24 Luke Ellis    24 Sue Dees

# 5<sup>th</sup> Annual “Run for the Nurses”

## Benefiting the Lisa Purvis Allison Spirit of Nursing Scholarship Fund



Join the School of Nursing and Health Sciences on **April 2, 2016** for a ½ marathon and 5K run to assist in the future education of nurses through scholarships at Abraham Baldwin Agricultural College

Lisa Purvis Allison began the nursing program at ABAC as a single parent of two children following the accidental death of her husband. While completing the last year of the program, she was diagnosed with colon cancer. She was an outstanding student who personified the caring and compassionate nature of nursing. Upon graduation she successfully passed her state board exam and was licensed as a registered nurse. The profession of nursing was not blessed to see her work in health care as she lost her battle with cancer shortly after graduation. The Lisa Purvis Allison Scholarship Fund was developed to honor Lisa and assist other aspiring students to fulfill their dream of becoming a registered nurse at ABAC. The endowed scholarship is awarded twice a year to a nursing student meeting stated criteria to assist with final semester expenses. Nursing faculty and the family of Ms. Allison are involved in the selection process.

### **Race times:**

½ marathon and 5K begin at 7:30 am

Start and finish for all events will be at the **ABAC Health Sciences Building** on Moore Hwy in Tifton, GA.

### **Registration fees:**

If pre – registered by:	February 6	5K = \$20	½ marathon = \$30
	February 7 - March 5	5K = \$25	½ marathon = \$35
	March 6 – Race Day	5K = \$30	½ marathon = \$40

(Last day to register via online at [www.active.com](http://www.active.com) is March 31<sup>st</sup>)

All pre-registered participants will receive a technical tee-shirt and imprinted race bag. Race day registered participants will receive a tee-shirt and imprinted race bag while supplies last.

### **Trophies and Medals:**

5K & ½ marathon – Trophy for Overall and Master’s Overall male/female finishers. Medal for top three male and female finishers in 5 year age groups for both races. Custom medal for all ½ marathon finishers. Trophies for the 1<sup>st</sup> male and female ABAC Alumni finisher in each race.

### **For More Information Contact:**

Becky Arnold at 229-391-5024 or [rarnold@abac.edu](mailto:rarnold@abac.edu)

Visit [www.active.com/](http://www.active.com/) for online registration or

<http://www.abac.edu/academics/schools/nursing/outreach/run-for-the-nurses> for a printable registration form.