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First Tuesday Concert 'A Night with Choral Music'

The First Tuesday Concert Series on Tuesday will feature "A Night with Choral Music" featuring Dr. Paul Neal and The Berry Singers at 7 p.m. in the Chapel of All Faiths at ABAC. The Berry Vocal Jazz Ensemble will also perform. This concert is open to the public at no charge.

The First Tuesday series, now in its 14th year, features regional professional artists on the first Tuesdays of five months during the year. Dr. Susan Roe, Head of the ABAC Department of Fine Arts, is

the First Tuesday Program Director.

The Berry Singers are an auditioned select group of vocalists directed by Neal who represent a wide variety of majors and interests at Berry College. The chamber choir has performed a vast array of music over its long history to great acclaim throughout the eastern United States and Europe.

Neal is director of choral activities at Berry College. He joined the faculty this year after overseeing the choral program at Valdosta State University and serving as assistant

director for the Valdosta Symphony Orchestra. His resume also includes service as assistant conductor for the Angeles Chorale, one of the largest community choruses in the Los Angeles area, and as musical director for the Texas Shakespeare Festival. In addition, he spent two seasons as a performer for the Grammy-nominated Los Angeles Master Chorale.

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



ABAC Young Farmers Visit Capitol

18 members of the ABAC Young Farmers Chapter traveled to the state Capitol on Tuesday. While there they visited the Department of Agriculture as well as the State Capitol. Students were given insight as to how laws and regulations effect agriculture, as well as an overview of the legislative system. During the trip they spoke with Commissioner of Agriculture Gary Black, Representatives Chad Nimmer and Robert Dickey, and Appeals Court Judge John Ellington. Dr. Jerry Baker, Dean of the School of Agriculture and Natural Resources, and advisor of the chapter, as well as Georgia Farm Bureau State Young Farmer Coordinator, Taylor Sills, joined the students on the day trip.

AET Truck and Tractor Pull Thurs. - Sat.

The Agricultural Engineering Technology (AET) Club at ABAC will host a truck and tractor pull Thurs.-Sat. at the ABAC Pull Track. The events on Thursday and Friday will begin at 7 p.m., and the pulling action on Saturday begins at 6 p.m.

Stock Truck Night on Thurs. kicks off the event. Tickets are only \$5 per person. Truck owners can participate in the pull for \$5 per pull. A special ABAC students-only pulling class will also be part of the night's schedule.

Highlighting the truck and tractor pull will be the Southern Pullers Association Super Modified pulls on Friday and Sat. Admission for each of those nights is \$15 for adults, \$10 for children 6-10 years of age, and free to children five and under.

For more information on the AET Truck and Tractor Pull, interested persons can go to www.abac.edu/AET.



Save the Date

Abraham Baldwin Agricultural College
School of Nursing and Health Sciences

May 4, 2016

*50th Anniversary Celebration
of Nursing Excellence*

Georgia Museum of Agriculture ♦ Tifton, Ga.

To purchase your ticket visit:
www.abac.edu/50yearsofnursing

Roy Jackson Staff Award Nominations Due Friday

Take a moment to nominate a fellow staff member for the Roy Jackson Award. Nomination guideline, a list of past recipients, a link to the nomination form, and a list of eligible staff members can be found at www.abac.edu/more/employees/staff-forum. Contact Dr. Chris Kinsey at ckinsey@abac.edu for more information.

ABAC Performance Series Presents Dallas Brass on March 8

The Dallas Brass will perform at 7 p.m. on March 8 at the Tift County High School Performing Arts Center as part of the 2016 ABAC Presents! Performing Arts Series.

ABAC Arts Connection Director Wayne Jones said that since its founding in 1983, the Dallas Brass has become one of America's foremost musical ensembles. Michael Levine established the group which highlights a unique blend of traditional brass instruments with a full complement of drums and percussion.

The Dallas Brass program is a musical journey through American history and includes pieces from the time of George Washington to the present day. From compositions by

John Phillip Sousa to John Williams, bands like The Tijuana Brass and Chicago, and the styles of Dixieland, Broadway, and hip-hop – the Dallas Brass has something for everyone. The ABAC Concert Band and the Tift County High School Band will join Dallas Brass in the final number of the evening.

The ABAC performing arts series winds up on April 21 at 7 p.m. in Howard Auditorium at ABAC when saxophonist Greg Tardy will perform with the ABAC Jazz Ensemble.

If any tickets are available, they will be sold at the door for each of the two remaining events in the series. Jones encourages advance purchase of tickets to ensure seating for patrons. Individual tickets for

each event are \$15 for adults and \$10 each for students under 18 years of age. Tickets can be purchased online at www.purplepass.com/abac or by phone at (229) 391-4895.

Jones said the Dallas Brass concert is provided through the support of Hilton Garden Inn – Tifton and through a grant from the Fox Theatre Institute and Georgia Presenters. ABAC Presents! is supported in part by Georgia Council for the Arts through the appropriations of the Georgia General Assembly. Georgia Council for the Arts also receives support from its partner agency - the National Endowment for the Arts.

ABAC Professors Compose Panel on Curricular Design

Dr. Bobbie Robinson, Dr. Darby Sewell, Dr. Jen Wallin-Ruschman and Dr. Sandra Giles put together a panel, "Closing the Loop: Curricular Design in ABAC's Rural Studies Program" for the Conference on Instructional Technologies, Innovations, and Educational Strategies at Valdosta State University on February 17. The panel focused on how to help students draw connections between their content learning, experiential learning, and professional goals.



Plan Ahead for Next Year!

Stallion Day: November 12, 2016 • February 4 and April 8, 2017

Homecoming Week: April 3-8, 2017

Baldwin Players Announce Cast for the Musical 'Nunsense'

Cast members have been selected for "Nunsense," the Baldwin Players' upcoming spring production at ABAC. "Nunsense" was expanded from a line of greeting cards by Dan Goggin, who turned it into a musical. Goggin wrote the book, music, and lyrics for "Nunsense."



as Sister Mary Hubert, Caroline Kirkland as Sister Robert Anne, Juli-Ana Massey as Sister Mary Leo, and Lauren Lever as Sister Mary Amnesia.

Walker is a music-vocal major from Omega; Braswell is a music-vocal major from Covington;

Kirkland is a biology major from Tifton; Massey is a psychology major from Fitzgerald; and Lever is a music major from Tifton.

"Nunsense" first opened in 1985 off-Broadway and was performed 3, 672 times making it the second-longest-running off-Broadway show in history. It was later adapted for TV and led to six sequels and three spin-offs.

The musical is about five of the 19 surviving Little Sisters of Hoboken, a one-time missionary order that ran

a leper colony on an island south of France. The five nuns discover that their cook, Sister Julia, Child of God, accidentally kills the other fifty-two residents of the convent with her tainted vichyssoise while they were off playing bingo. Upon discovering the disaster, Mother Superior has a vision in which she was told to start a greeting card company to raise funds for the burials.

After the enormous success of the greeting cards - and thinking there is plenty of money - the Reverend Mother buys some items for the convent leaving her with no money to pay for the last four burials. With the deceased nuns on ice in the deep freeze, the sisters decide to stage a variety show in the Mount Saint Helen's School auditorium to raise the funds.

For more information on "Nunsense," interested persons can contact Ray at (229) 391-4969 or via e-mail at bray@abac.edu.

Dr. Brian Ray, director of the theatre troupe, said the production dates for "Nunsense" are March 31-April 2 at 7 p.m. and a 3 p.m. performance on April 3 in Howard Auditorium. Admission is free to ABAC faculty, staff and students. The ticket cost is \$7 per person for the general public.

Cast members include Taylor Walker as Sister Mary Regina (Mother Superior), Krystina Braswell

Enactus Launches TCHS Student 'Shark Tank'

Students of Enactus ABAC launched their "Shark Tank" Youth Entrepreneurship Project in partnership with Tift County High School instructor and marketing professional, Michael Beeman. The purpose of the project is to promote entrepreneurship and maximize the potential of students to become competitive in the marketplace at an early age. The organization will engage leaders from the Tifton-Tift County community to participate as "Sharks" for the event and the competition will take place on March 31. Find out more about Enactus at www.abac.edu/student-life/campus-life/clubs-organizations/enactus



Mark Your Calendars - The Third Annual Carry The Load Step - Off Rally will take place on Thursday, April 28 From 1 - 5 p.m.. More information will follow.



Student Alumni Council Thanks Faculty & Staff

To show appreciation for all of the hardwork that ABAC faculty and staff put forth each day, the ABAC Student Alumni Council delivered cupcakes across campus to each department thanking them for their dedication.