The Albany Symphony Orchestra will perform at 3 p.m. on Sept. 27 in the first event of this season’s ABAC Presents! Performing Arts Series from ABAC.

ABAC Arts Connection Director Wayne Jones said the concert at the Tift County High School (TCHS) Performing Arts Center will feature Johann Sebastian Bach’s “Ricercar a 6,” John Corigliano’s Chaconne from “The Red Violin,” “Swan Remix” arranged by ASO’s violinist Tim Fain from Pyotr Tchaikovsky’s “Black Swan,” and Sir Edward Elgar’s “Enigma” Variations, Opus 36.

Fain, an Avery Fisher Career Grant-winning violinist, was seen on screen and heard on the Grammy-nominated soundtrack of the hit film “Black Swan.” He gives “voice” to the violin of the lead character in the hit film “12 Years a Slave,” as he did with Richard Gere’s violin in the film “Bee Season.”

Fain made his debut with the Brooklyn Philharmonic and Baltimore Symphony and was a soloist with the Orchestra of St. Luke’s, Hague and Mexico City Philharmonic, Maryland and Cincinnati Chamber Symphony, and the Mostly Mozart Festival Orchestra. His recitals have taken him to Kennedy Center, Carnegie’s Weill Recital Hall, California’s Carmel Mozart Society, and New York’s 92nd Street Y. Fain has appeared onstage with the New York City Ballet, performing alongside the dancers in the acclaimed premiere of Benjamin Millepied’s “Double Aria.” He has also worked with Black Crowes guitarist Rich Robinson and appeared at “Jazz at Lincoln Center” with Rob Thomas of Matchbox 20. Fain performs on a violin on extended loan from Clement and Karen Arrison through the generous efforts of the Continued on Page 3

CONSTITUTION DAY CELEBRATION

Thursday – 1:30 p.m. – ABAC Chapel

Georgia Court of Appeals Judge John Ellington will be the guest speaker at the Constitution Day event at ABAC on Thursday at 1:30 p.m. in the Chapel of All Faiths.

Ellington was sworn in as the 66th Judge of the Georgia Court of Appeals by Governor Roy Barnes on July 12, 1999. He was elected statewide to a full six-year term in 2000 and re-elected in 2006 and 2012. Constitution Day will celebrate the signing of the United States Constitution by 39 men on Sept. 17, 1787 in Philadelphia’s Independence Hall. Abraham Baldwin, the namesake for Abraham Baldwin Agricultural College, and William Few were the only Georgia signers of the document.

The event is hosted by the ABAC Student Government Association (SGA) and the Department of History and Political Science in the School of Liberal Arts. The Constitution Day ceremony will begin with a welcome from ABAC President David Bridges followed by a performance of “The Star-Spangled Banner” from the ABAC Chamber Singers.
Travel to Savannah with ABAC on Oct. 3
Join the ABAC Alumni Association for a trip to Georgia’s oldest city on October 3. Savannah is filled with grace and charm, boasting a rich 282 year history. The one-day trip to Savannah includes lunch at The Lady and Sons Restaurant, a legendary restaurant that features southern cuisine inspired by Paula Deen. Participants will also enjoy a trolley tour of the city and have an opportunity to explore the city on their own. We will end the day on beautiful and historic River Street. Not included in the trip price is dinner on the drive home. Space is limited, so make your reservations today! Contact Lynda Fisher at lfisher@abac.edu for information or visit www.abac.edu/travel.

The speed limit on Davis Road has been lowered from 45 mph to 35 mph. The Tifton Police Department will be patrolling the area to help remind people of the speed reduction.

Join Staff Forum for the first meeting of the semester on Wednesday, at 3:30 p.m. in the Health Sciences Building, room 114. The Dean of Students, Bernice Hughes, will be there to discuss Family Weekend. For more information, contact Corey Langston at clangston@abac.edu

Presidential Scholars Say Thank You
ABAC students Jonathan Hill, Sara Prokosch, Kaylee Ewing and Anna Marie Pugh recently had the opportunity to say "thank you" in person to their scholarship donor, Larry Montgomery who also serves as a member of the ABAC Foundation Board of Trustees. These four students are the recipients of the Montgomery Annual Scholarships and Montgomery Presidential Scholarships. Pictured (l-r): Hill, Prokosch, Montgomery, Ewing and Pugh.
Stradivari Society of Chicago.

Conductor Claire Fox Hillard pursues a varied career as Music Director of the Albany Symphony Orchestra (ASO) and as a guest conductor throughout the world. At 25 years old he became one of the youngest conductors ever to be appointed to the Music Directorship of a professional orchestra. Hillard made his European debut in 1994 conducting the Karlovarsky Symfonicky Orchestra.

A recipient of the League of American Orchestra’s distinguished Helen M. Thompson Award, Hillard was also honored by The Meridian Council for the Arts with its Artist’s Achievement Award. He has also received a Dream Award from Albany’s annual King Celebration.

Hillard has been with the ASO since 1988. His lifelong interest in opera led to his founding of OPERAlbany! in 1995. Hillard has previously served as Music Director of the St. Joseph Symphony, Missouri Western Philharmonia, and Meridian Symphony Orchestra. He has taught at Indiana State University and Missouri Western State College.

This past season Hillard conducted the Academic Philharmonie in Kazakhstan. He continues to provide a balance of programming which includes American music, standard orchestral repertory, new music and unfamiliar classics each season. He has received seven ASCAP awards for his innovative programming and collaborated with a wide variety of composers and artists including Aaron Copland, Itzhak Perlman, Ray Charles, actress Debbie Reynolds, fiddle player Mark O’Connor, and the Billy Taylor Trio.

The Albany Symphony collaborates regularly with many diverse organizations and agencies in the region. Chamber ensembles perform in three concerts at the Albany Museum of Art. The Symphony a la Carte program makes available music for all occasions as a service to the community. Currently, the orchestra performs a series of Masterworks Concerts, two sets of Carnegie Hall’s LinkUp Concerts for third through fifth grade students in the area and a Pops concert.

Other performances in the ABAC series include the National Players production of Shakespeare’s “Julius Caesar” on Oct. 15 at 7 p.m. in Howard Auditorium, a free bonus concert from the United States Army Field Band and Soldiers Chorus on Nov. 7 but a ticket is required. Tickets can be purchased online at www.purplepass.com/abac or by phone at (229) 391-4895.

The ABAC performing arts series 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.

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Submit Artwork for the Hispanic Heritage Day Art Show

All ABAC students, faculty and staff are invited to enter their original art work for display during the Heritage Day Art Show.

The theme for the Art Show is Heritage and all pieces should depict the heritage of the individual submitting it. Deadline for application is Monday.

The Art will be shown during the Hispanic Heritage Day Celebration, September 24 in the Meadows on the ABAC Campus from 11 a.m. until 3 p.m.

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

Ag Classic Golf Tournament October 5

The 15th Annual Ag Classic Golf Tournament at ABAC will be held on Oct. 5 at ABAC’s Forest Lakes Golf Course. There will be an 8 a.m. flight and a 1 p.m. flight. A complimentary lunch will be served between flights. The Ag Classic’s ball drop event will be back for its second year. Individuals can purchase numbered golf balls for a small fee for a chance to win. Participants can purchase one golf ball for $5, three golf balls for $10, or seven golf balls for $20.

To participate, interested persons can contact tournament coordinator Vonda Fenn at (229) 391.5067, at vfenn@abac.edu, or by going online at www.abac.edu/academics/schools/ag-natural-resources/outreach/ag-classic. The opportunity to participate in the ball drop event is open until the event takes place at 12:45 p.m.
Volunteer Information Sessions at Georgia Museum of Agriculture

Volunteers of all ages can find out about fresh opportunities for service at two upcoming volunteer information sessions at the Georgia Museum of Agriculture and Historic Village at ABAC.

Lynn McDonald, the Museum’s coordinator of volunteers, said information sessions will be held on Thursday at 10 a.m. and Sept. 22 at 6 p.m. in the west conference room of the Museum.

Opportunities throughout the Museum and Historic Village on a variety of days and times are available. Individuals under the age of 14 must be accompanied by an adult both for the session and while volunteering.

“Opportunities range from craft demonstrating, office work, food services, carpentry, assisting at the sawmill and conducting on the train, just to name some of the areas of need,” McDonald said. “We are looking for volunteers who like people, enjoy history and want to be a part of a team. All museums are dependent upon a strong volunteer corps to accomplish their educational mission.”

McDonald said the Museum needs volunteers during the week and on the weekends. During a special event, over 70 volunteers in various positions will be on site.

The living history village at the Museum focuses on life in South Georgia from 1870-1910. In 2014, the Museum and village had over 22,000 visitors from Georgia, 34 other states and nine countries. Over 6,500 school children toured the facility.

Volunteers who plan to attend one of the sessions should call McDonald at (229) 391-5223 or e-mail her at lmcdonald@abac.edu to indicate which session they will attend.

A reminder

Destination Celebration...
Granting for Excellence
A reception for faculty and staff interested in pursuing grants
Tuesday, September 15, 2015
5:00 pm - 6:30 pm
Georgia Museum of Agriculture Atrium
Please RSVP by email to smastrario@abac.edu

The Wiregrass Farmer’s Market Open
Saturdays • 9 a.m. - 12 p.m.
Behind the Country Store at the Georgia Museum of Agriculture
Find produce, specialty foods, artisan crafts and flowers.

ABAC Birthdays
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16 Nathan Mumm
17 Margo Ransom
18 Dale White
19 Tom Grant
20 Susan Roe