Performing Arts at ABAC

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2014 - 2015 Season

ABRAHAM BALDWIN AGRICULTURAL COLLEGE
Welcome to the Performing Arts at ABAC and a rich world of musical and dramatic performances. These include exciting performers ranging from the virtuosic sounds of the California Guitar Trio and the UGA Symphony to major stage offerings like the provocative *To Kill a Mockingbird* or the comedy classic *The Female Odd Couple*, offered with a fresh twist. Whether it is a professional artist or one of ABAC’s superb performing groups, this is a season to CELEBRATE . . . and one filled with extraordinary evenings you will treasure for years to come.

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This series, now in its fourth season, presents professional performing artists, chosen both to support ABAC and area students’ study of the arts and to present high quality arts experiences to general audiences in our area of Georgia.

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.

For tickets or additional information, visit www.purplepass.com/abac or call 229.391.4895
The Jazz Ambassadors, America’s Big Band, is the United States Army’s premier touring jazz ensemble. This internationally-acclaimed group travels thousands of miles each year to present jazz, America’s musical national treasure, to enthusiastic audiences all over the nation and around the world.

US Army Jazz Ambassadors
BONUS FREE CONCERT
Ticket Required

Tuesday, September 2, 2014 • 7 p.m.
Tift County High School Performing Arts Center

Supported and presented jointly by the Arts Connection at Abraham Baldwin Agricultural College and the Performing Arts Center at Tift County High School, this concert begins the ABAC Presents! Series as an opportunity for the community to show support for U.S. Troops wherever they serve.
The University of Georgia Symphony Orchestra is one of the Hugh Hodgson School of Music’s premier performing ensembles. The orchestra showcases some of the university’s finest players as they perform masterworks under the baton of Maestro Mark Cedel. This concert will feature George Gershwin’s Concerto in F Major in which internationally-acclaimed pianist and UGA faculty member Damon Denton will be the featured pianist, and conclude with Beethoven’s mighty Symphony No. 3 in E flat Major, the “Eroica.”

Saturday, September 13, 2014 • 7 p.m.
Tift County High School Performing Arts Center
A sleepy, southern town confronts difference and justice through the eyes of six-year-old Scout. In the heroics of her father, the struggles of her friends, neighbors, and the threat of a boogeyman, Scout lives through the joys of childhood innocence and the pains of growing up. Based on Harper Lee’s Pulitzer Prize-winning novel, Olney Theatre Center’s National Players is proud to stage this tale as a part of its 66th national tour.

“Atticus was right. One time he said you never really know a man until you stand in his shoes and walk around in them. Just standing on the Radley porch was enough.”

- Scout Finch

Thursday, October 16, 2014 • 7 p.m.
Howard Auditorium, ABAC Campus

The ABAC Advancement Foundation, Inc. is privileged to provide this program on behalf of the ABAC Arts Connection.
One of the world’s most frequently performed operas, *The Elixir of Love* is cherished for its whimsical wit and endearing characters. As the story goes, simple yet fervent country bumpkin Nemorino is hopelessly in love with Adina, an independent and attractive yet fickle land-owner. With the dashing Sergeant Belcore also competing for Adina’s affections, Nemorino turns in desperation to traveling con man Doctor Dulcamara and his “elixir of love.” Dulcamara’s faux love potion causes a domino effect of hilarious plot twists and surprise romantic turns in composer Gaetano Donizetti’s operatic masterpiece of beguiling arias and intoxicating duets.

**The Elixir of Love**

Thursday, January 22, 2015 • 7 p.m.
Howard Auditorium, ABAC Campus
Back by popular demand, The California Guitar Trio warms up a winter’s night with a synergy among three incredible musicians. Members include Bert Lams from Belgium, Hideyo Moriya from Japan, and Paul Richards from Utah. Together, their technical wizardry is breathtaking, as is the wide range of instrumental music the group renders... from unique originals to dazzling, cleverly-arranged interpretations of jazz, classical, and even surf rock. Delight in the music which is interspersed among their humor for an exceptional evening of entertainment.

“Pioneers of the New Acoustic Age...World’s Best Acoustic Band”
- Guitar Shop Magazine

Thursday, February 12, 2015 • 7 p.m.
Howard Auditorium, ABAC Campus

This performance is presented through a partnership between the ABAC Arts Connection and the Campus Activity Board.
In 2009 Ron Westray and Thomas Heflin produced an album together, Live from Austin, in the Elephant Room. Westray is well-known as one of the most highly regarded trombonists of his generation, serving as lead trombonist with Wynton Marsalis and the Lincoln Center Jazz Orchestra. Heflin, one of the country’s most recognized jazz trumpet artists, is the newest addition to ABAC’s Music Program as director of the award-winning Jazz Ensemble. Come hear these two brilliant artists as they present an evening full of incredibly virtuosic and highly entertaining jazz.

“Westray and Heflin match perfectly, blending their styles in a balanced yet searching way over bebop foundations.”
- Josep Pedro, All About Jazz

Thursday, April 16, 2015 • 7 p.m.
Howard Auditorium, ABAC Campus
The First Tuesday Performance Series, which debuted in 2002, begins its 13th season and features regional professional artists on the first Tuesday of every month.

First Tuesday Concerts are free of charge, no ticket required. They are held in the Chapel of All Faiths at ABAC and begin at 7 p.m.

For more information call:
Dr. Susan Roe, First Tuesday Program Director, at 229.391.4943.

October 7, 2014

A Night of Jazz Music
Featuring
The Carter/David Project

This Atlanta-based jazz group, that has performed throughout the United States and Europe, will present an eclectic blend of classic and contemporary jazz. The featured artists are: Kenyon Carter, a national recording artist on saxophone; John David, who presents an array of his infectious grooves on the drumset; Tim Aucoin, recording artist bassist; and Tyrone Jackson, jazz pianist.

November 4, 2014

A Night of Strings
Featuring
Lauren Burns Hodges & Douglas Jurs

Join violist Lauren Burns Hodges of Valdosta State University’s quartet in residence, the Azalea String Quartet for a night of strings. She will perform Ernest Bloch’s epic late romantic masterpiece, the Suite for Viola and Piano, with Douglas Jurs, Assistant Professor of Piano at ABAC. Other members of the Azalea Quartet, cellist Steven Taylor, and newly appointed violinist, Kristin Pfeifer Yu, will then join in for Mozart’s joyful E-flat major piano quartet.
February 3, 2015

**A Night of Choral Music**

Featuring

**The Sine Nomine Singers**

Dr. David Lee Johnson, Professor Emeritus/Voice of Valdosta State University, and his renowned choral group, The Sine Nomine ("Without Name") Singers provide an evening of choral singing. They are known for their productions of the highest caliber of performance, presenting the most varied and challenging music in the choral art.

March 3, 2015

**A Night of a Classical String Duet**

Featuring

**Nephina**

Violinist Nina Lutz and guitarist Nephtali Santiago form the duo Nephina. Their eclectic programming has included the music of Bach, Giuliani, Nin Culmell, Granados, Albeniz, Lauro, Morricone, Piazzolla, Leisner, as well as beautiful arrangements for guitar and violin of works from the “Great American Song Book.” They have performed throughout the United States and Germany. Both Lutz and Santiago are currently on the faculty of Valdosta State University where she teaches violin and he teaches guitar.

April 7, 2015

**A Night of Broadway Music**

Come and delight in the sounds of Broadway. This concert has played to a packed house for the past 12 years. Featured artists this year are Barbara and Blane Jacobs, Scott and Susan Spivey, Gary Aikens, Wayne Jones, Brian Ray, Claire Jurs, Susan Roe, and ABAC music students, both graduates, and present.
The Virtuoso Chamber Music series is designed to promote an appreciation for the tremendous expressive capacity of fine piano and piano chamber music. The series features skilled artists drawn from outstanding regional and national professional artists.

These events are presented free of charge, no ticket required, with the exception of the January 11 concert featuring Tanya Gabriellian, which is a ticketed concert benefitting the piano program at ABAC.

Wednesday, October 15, 2014 • 4 p.m.

Adam Hayes & Kris Carlisle

On the heels of their second international album release, Berry College music faculty Adam Hayes and Kris Carlisle present a fresh new program of contemporary trumpet and piano music. Their concert, titled “The Storyteller,” will feature compositions that have recently been written in tribute to notable figures in music and history.

Thursday, November 13, 2014 • 7 p.m.

Benjamin Warsaw

Georgia native Dr. Benjamin Warsaw will perform a concert featuring the piano music of Bach, Chopin, Gershwin, as well as his original works. Warsaw received his degrees from Eastman School of Music and Boston University and is an Assistant Professor of Music at Armstrong State University, where he chairs the piano department. As a pianist and composer, he works with many different forms of art and performs regularly.
Sunday, January 11, 2015 • 3 p.m.

Tanya Gabrielian
Benefit Concert

Praised by the Washington Post for her “strikingly poised nobility” and “commanding presence”, pianist Tanya Gabrielian has captivated audiences worldwide with her gripping performances. She has garnered international acclaim with first prizes in the Scottish International and Aram Khachatuyan International Piano Competitions.

This concert is a ticketed event designed to benefit the growing piano program and its students within ABAC’s Music Program. Admission is $15. Tickets and additional information may be obtained at www.purplepass.com/abac or by calling 229.391.4895.

Thursday, March 12, 2015 • 7 p.m.

Melody Ng

Hong Kong native, Dr. Melody Ng, will perform a concert featuring the piano music of Beethoven, Liszt and works by Chinese composers. Melody received her degrees from Lawrence University and University of Wisconsin - Madison. She currently serves as Assistant Professor of Music/Artist-Teacher of Piano at The University of Alabama in Huntsville. In addition to her performing career, she is active in presenting lectures in the United States and in Asia.
ABAC’s Music Program consists of a faculty of 12 artist teachers and over 40 music majors. Many musical performances are presented on campus for the public each year. In addition, several ensembles travel throughout Georgia, the Southeast, and abroad, performing for schools, civic groups, and as part of community concert series.

These events are presented free of charge, no ticket required.

September 23  Faculty Music Recital • 7 p.m. • Howard Auditorium
              Featuring Wayne Jones & Dr. Susan Roe

September 25  Music Student Recital • 4 p.m. • Chapel

October 23    Music Student Recital • 4 p.m. • Chapel

October 30    Choral Day • 9 a.m. - 4 p.m. • Howard Auditorium
              Composer Dan Forrest & Area High Schools

November 11   Fall Choral Concert • 7 p.m. • Howard Auditorium

November 17 & 18  Fall Band Concert • 7 p.m. • Howard Auditorium

November 20   Fall Jazz Concert • 7 p.m. • Howard Auditorium

November 24   Music Student Recital • 4 p.m. • Chapel

December 1    Music Student Recital • 4 p.m. • Chapel

December 2    Christmas Concert • 5 p.m. • Chapel

February 19   Music Student Recital • 4 p.m. • Chapel

March 31      Music Student Recital • 4 p.m. • Chapel

April 9       Spring Choral Concert • 7 p.m. • Howard Auditorium

April 13 & 14 Spring Band Concert • 7 p.m. • Howard Auditorium

April 27      Music Student Recital • 4 p.m. • Chapel

April 28      Music Student Recital • 4 p.m. • Chapel
The Baldwin Players are ABAC’s theatre performance organization which provides an opportunity for students, faculty, staff, and community members to experience and enjoy live theatre. Contact Director, Dr. Brian Ray, at bray@abac.edu for more information.

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November 6-8, 2014 • 7 p.m. • Howard Auditorium

**The female Odd Couple**
By Neil Simon

This is the hilarious classic comedy celebrating the friendship and inevitable conflicts between two opposite personalities thrust into being mismatched roommates by circumstance. This is Simon’s original story of two men, Oscar and Felix, adapted by Simon himself into a story of two women, Olive and Florence.

March 5-7, 2015 • 7 p.m. • Peanut Museum

**The Whipping Man**
By Matthew Lopez

Written to celebrate the sesquicentennial of the end of the Civil War, the Baldwin Players are performing a powerful new play by a young playwright. The Whipping Man provides an intimate glimpse into the lives of three Jews — one, a badly wounded Confederate soldier, and the other two previously his slaves. Set in April 1865 they negotiate shifting interpersonal roles, rotting faiths, and basic survival just after General Lee surrendered at Appomattox. It is a story of bindings – chains, love, and faith – and secrets.
Looking for the perfect college? Look no further than Abraham Baldwin Agricultural College! Check out our website and discover the traditions our students have shared since 1908. Visit campus and see for yourself that ABAC has it all: quality education for a fraction of the cost, hands-on learning opportunities, premier campus housing, and many bachelor’s degrees. Consider how an ABAC degree - and our worldwide network of 250,000+ alumni - can help you achieve your dreams.

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