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Piano Faculty Recital on April 11 at ABAC

TIFFON – Dr. Douglas Jurs, assistant professor of piano and music theory, will perform in his first faculty recital at Abraham Baldwin Agricultural College on April 11 at 7 p.m. in Howard Auditorium. This performance is free of charge and open to the public.

Jurs will perform on piano three selections from composers Edvard Grieg, Sergei Prokofiev, and Franz Schubert. The first piece will feature Grieg’s “Notturno, Op. 54, no. 4”. Jurs will follow with Prokofiev’s “Sonata No. 7 in B-flat Major, Op. 83”, which includes Allegro inquieto, Andante caloroso, and Precipitato. The final selection will be Schubert’s “Sonata in A Major, D. 959” which includes Allegro, Andantino, Scherzo-Trio, and Rondo-Allegretto.

Jurs was appointed assistant professor of piano and music theory at ABAC in 2012, having previously served 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 and at festivals such as the Aspen Music Festival and Centre d’Arts Orford in Quebec. He won first prize at the 2004 Lee Biennial Piano Competition and was the winner of the University of Wisconsin Beethoven Competition in 2010.
He 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. A committed teacher, Jurs has over 10 years of private piano teaching experience. His pre-college students have won competitions at the local, state and national levels. In past summers, he has worked as an artist teacher at Blue Lake Fine Arts Camp in Michigan.

As a long-time advocate for arts outreach, he has performed in correctional facilities, psychiatric hospitals and as a past associate artist with Cleveland Opera in over 100 public schools throughout Ohio. 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 holds music degrees from the University of Wisconsin, Cleveland Institute of Music, and Indiana University’s Jacobs School of Music, where he was a Friends of Music Scholar, double major in piano and English literature, and rider for the Cutters cycling team. He lives in Tifton with his wife, Claire, a singer, choir director, and ABAC adjunct faculty member, and son Silas.

For more information on this concert, interested persons can contact ABAC’s music department at (229) 391-4945.

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