‘Rhythm and Blues’ Concert Re-Scheduled for February 10 at ABAC

TIFTON – The “Rhythm and Blues” jazz concert featuring pianist Doug Jurs and guest violinist M. Brent Williams, originally scheduled for Jan. 28, will take place on Feb. 10 at 7 p.m. in Howard Auditorium at Abraham Baldwin Agricultural College. The concert was postponed due to inclement weather. The duo will play a selection of jazz music ranging from classical to contemporary.

Open to the public at no charge, the evening begins with the modern composition “Blue Piece for Violin and Piano” by Libby Larsen, followed by Maurice Ravel’s “Violin Sonata in G Major” and George Antheil’s “Sonata No. 2 for Violin and Piano.” The concert will conclude with a medley from the award-winning musical “Porgy and Bess” including "Summertime/A Woman is a Sometime Thing," "My Man’s Gone Now," "It Ain’t Necessarily So," and "Tempo di Blues" by George Gershwin.

Jurs, a native of Chicago, was appointed Assistant Professor of Piano and Music Theory at ABAC in 2012. He previously served on the faculties of the University of Wisconsin – Madison and Edgewood College. He received his D.M.A. in piano performance from the
University of Wisconsin, his M.M. in piano performance from the Cleveland Institute of Music, and received bachelor’s degrees in both piano performance and English literature from the University of Indiana – Bloomington.

Williams is currently the Concertmaster of the Albany Symphony Orchestra, Assistant Concertmaster of the Tallahassee Symphony Orchestra, and Principal Second of the Valdosta Symphony Orchestra (VSO). Williams received his Ph. D. and M.A. degrees in music from Florida State University and his bachelor’s degree in music from the University of Oklahoma.

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