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CONCERT BAND PERFORMS APRIL 7-8 AT ABAC

TIFTON – Due to the overflowed crowd at the fall performance of the ABAC Concert Band, two spring concert performances will be held on April 7-8 at 7 p.m. in Howard Auditorium. The first concert on April 7 will take place after the band’s dress rehearsal and is catered to ABAC students and prospective high school recruits. The concert on April 8 will be open to the community. Director of Concert Bands Johnny Folsom encourages community members to come on Tuesday evening, but if conflicts arise, guests are welcome to come to the April 7 program.

The public is invited to attend this special event and the admission is free. But, seating is limited; so you are encouraged to arrive early for a good seat.

The concert begins with the first movement of Ralph Ford’s descriptive composition describing the Canadian Rockies entitled “Royal Canadian Sketches”. Then the ABAC Band will break new ground by performing a transcription of the second movement of the consummate Spanish guitar work “Concierto de Aranjuez” by Joaquin Rodrigo. Music major Wes Trull of Fitzgerald will be featured on guitar for this piece.
Retiring ABAC Jazz Band director Don Coates will be the guest conductor. Coates served for many years as the head of the music program at ABAC and is credited for the program’s outstanding reputation throughout the collegiate world. He will conduct John Philip Sousa’s “Liberty Bell” march.

The ABAC Concert Band will also perform a lush new romantic composition, “Redemption” by Rossano Galante. The ABAC Band will perform a major work by Robert W. Smith that was commissioned by the U.S. Navy Band, “Songs of Sailor and Sea” that was premiered at the Midwest Band and Orchestra Clinic in Chicago in 1996.

Closing out the spring concert will be an exciting arrangement of “The Battle Hymn of the Republic” by Julia Ward Howe, featuring vocals and a spectacular trumpet solo by ABAC Jazz Band lead trumpeter Barry Coffee, a community player from Cordele. The arrangement is a creation of the former arranger of the Robbins Air Force Band, Bruce Penticoff.

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