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The ABAC Presents! Performing Arts Series will feature “To Kill A Mockingbird” by the Olney Center Theatre’s National Players of Maryland. The performance will be held on Oct. 16 at 7 p.m. in Howard Auditorium on the campus of ABAC.

‘To Kill A Mockingbird’ on Stage at ABAC on October 16

TIFTON—The Olney Center Theatre’s National Players will bring Harper Lee’s great American novel, “To Kill A Mockingbird,” to the stage of Howard Auditorium at Abraham Baldwin Agricultural College on Oct. 16. The 7 p.m. performance is a part of the “ABAC Presents!” performing arts series, now in its fourth season.

“To Kill A Mockingbird” takes place during three years (1933–35) of the Great Depression in the fictional town of Maycomb, Ala. It focuses on six-year-old Scout Finch, her older brother, Jem, and their widowed father, Atticus, a middle-aged lawyer. Atticus is
appointed to defend Tom Robinson, a black man who has been accused of raping a young white woman. Although many of Maycomb's citizens disapprove, Atticus defends Tom to the best of his ability.

The children are terrified of and fascinated by their neighbor, the reclusive Boo Radley. Several times Radley makes gestures of affection to the children, but never appears in person. The effects of the trial and the presence of Radley collide when Scout and Jem are in danger.

Arts Connection Director Wayne Jones said the Pulitzer Prize-winning work is renowned for its heart and humor, despite dealing with the issues of rape and racial equality. Lee loosely based the characters of Atticus Finch, Scout, Radley and others from her observations of people in her own small town. She derived the plot for the modern classic from an incident that occurred near her hometown in 1936, when she was only 10 years old.

The Olney Theatre’s National Players have performed in the East Wing of the White House, overseas for the military, and throughout 40 states. Known for their talent and commitment to excellence, the National Players have brought literature to life for more than 2.5 million audience members at the award-winning and nonprofit Equity Theatre, located just north of Washington, D.C. in arts-rich Montgomery County, Md. The theatre offers a diverse array of professional productions year-round.

Other performances in the series include the Peach State Opera Company’s production of “The Elixir of Love” on Jan. 22, 2015, The California Guitar Trio on Feb. 12, 2015 and The Ron Westray-Thomas Heflin Quintet on April 16, 2015. All performances will be held at 7 p.m. in Howard Auditorium.
While available tickets will be sold at the door for the show, Jones encourages advance purchase of tickets to ensure seating for patrons. Tickets for the entire series are $50 for adults and $20 for students under 18 years of age. Individual tickets for each event are $15 each for adults and $10 each for students under 18 years of age. Tickets can be purchased online at www.purplepass.com/abac or by phone at (229) 391-4895.

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