ABAC Virtuoso Series Features Pianist on November 13

TIFTON – Dr. Benjamin Warsaw will be featured on the piano as the second performer in the Virtuoso Chamber Music Series at Abraham Baldwin Agricultural College on Nov. 13 at 7
p.m. in Howard Auditorium. This performance is open to the community at no charge.

Series Coordinator Doug Jurs said 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 musicians drawn from outstanding regional and national professional artists.

Warsaw will perform original piano compositions as well as selections including Frédéric Chopin’s “Opus 25 études” and George Gershwin’s “Rhapsody in Blue.” As a pianist and composer, he works with many different forms of art and performs on a regular basis.

Warsaw actively pursues a career as classical pianist, teacher, accompanist, and composer. He has performed numerous solo and ensemble concerts throughout North America. In 2007, Benjamin made his New York City debut at Victor Borge Hall, located in the Scandinavia House. In 2011, his original compositions were broadcast on National Public Radio in Blue Lake, Mich. During the summer of 2013, Warsaw performed for President Jimmy Carter. Recent concert highlights include Yamaha Hall and Haydn Birthplace in Vienna, Austria and the John F. Kennedy Birthplace in Boston, Mass.

As a collaborator and composer, Warsaw has accompanied and composed music for several notable dance organizations, including Alvin Ailey Dance Company, Boston Ballet, Atlanta Ballet, and Chautauqua Ballet. He is currently the resident composer for Zoetic Dance Ensemble. Warsaw has studied and performed solo and chamber music and original compositions in many summer festivals and master classes including Boston University Tanglewood Institute, Banff Center Piano Master Classes, Chautauqua Institute for the Arts, Brandywine International Piano Festival, and the International Keyboard Festival at Mannes.

A native of Atlanta, Warsaw received his bachelors and masters degrees from the
Eastman School of Music in Rochester, NY. In 2011 he completed his Doctorate of Musical Arts in Piano Performance at Boston University. Upon completion of his doctorate, Warsaw returned to Atlanta and taught at Georgia Perimeter College. In 2013, he accepted a position as assistant professor of music at Armstrong State University in Savannah, where he is chair of the piano department and teaches piano, theory, and other piano related courses. He is president-elect of the Savannah Music Teachers Association and a member of the Music Teachers National Association.

For more information on the Virtuoso Chamber Music Series, interested persons can contact Jurs at djurs@abac.edu.

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