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TIFTON— The California Guitar Trio will warm up a winter night on Feb. 12 when “The ABAC Presents! Performing Arts Series” features three very talented musicians at 7 p.m. in Howard Auditorium on the campus of Abraham Baldwin Agricultural College.
ABAC Arts Connection Director Wayne Jones said the synergy in the trio is incredible.

“The technical magic is stunning and so is the variety of instrumental music the group extracts – from unique originals to alluring, cleverly-arranged versions of jazz, classical, and even surf rock,” Jones said.

Since 1991, Bert Lams of Belgium, Hideyo Moriya of Japan, and Paul Richards of Utah have fascinated listeners with a singular sound that daringly traverses genres. Their shows are full of appealing stories and humor that allow concertgoers to feel like they're part of the music. In fact, the group’s goal is to transcend their instruments, so people focus on the music first, and its considerable technical prowess a distant second.

The California Guitar Trio’s 14 albums, streamed over 11 million times on Pandora, offer diverse glimpses into the group. The trio’s most recent release, “Masterworks,” highlights its classical side, with expansive takes on Bach, Beethoven, Arvo Pärt, and Schubert. Other works include “Andromeda,” which merges their many influences into a visionary album of original material; “CG3+2,” an exploration of kinetic rock in collaboration with bassist Tony Levin and drummer Pat Mastelotto; and “Echoes,” which reinvents enduring material by artists such as Mike Oldfield, Penguin Café Orchestra, Pink Floyd, and Queen.

Jones said the California Guitar Trio represents the next to last performance in the 2014-2015 ABAC arts series. The Ron Westray-Thomas Heflin Quintet closes the series on April 16 at 7 p.m. in Howard Auditorium.

While available tickets will be sold at the door for both shows, Jones encourages advance purchase of tickets to ensure seating for patrons. Individual tickets for each event are $15 for
adults and $10 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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