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Pianist Melody Ng Performs on March 12 at ABAC

TIFTON – Dr. Melody Ng will perform a piano concert featuring the music of Beethoven, Liszt, and works by Chinese composers on March 12 at 7 p.m. in Howard
Auditorium at Abraham Baldwin Agricultural College.

Dr. Doug Jurs, ABAC Assistant Professor of Piano and Music Theory, said the performance is a part of the Virtuoso Chamber Music Series which is designed to promote an appreciation for the tremendous expressive capacity of fine piano and piano chamber music. Jurs coordinates the series which features skilled performers drawn from outstanding regional and national professional artists. The event is open to the public at no charge.

Ng, a native of Hong Kong, received her Doctor of Musical Arts degree and Master's degree in piano performance and pedagogy from the University of Wisconsin. Her doctoral minor studies were in business. She received her double-degree in piano performance and economics from Lawrence University. Her teachers included Jessica Johnson, Anthony Padilla, Christopher Taylor, and Jacqueline Lam-Tung.

A first place finisher in numerous competitions including the Beethoven Piano Competition, Ng also won first place in the Irving Shain Woodwind and Piano Duo Competition, the Neale-Silva Young Artists' Competition, Badger Collegiate Competition, and the Music Teachers National Association (MTNA) State and Regional Young Artist Competitions. She has had broadcast performances on Wisconsin Public Radio and at the Kennedy Center in Washington D.C. Ng has also performed with the Concord Chamber Orchestra, the Lawrence Symphony Orchestra, and in both the 9th and 10th Annual World Piano Pedagogy Conferences.

In addition to her performance career, Ng maintains a full teaching schedule. She currently serves as the Assistant Professor of Music and Artist-Teacher of Piano at the University of Alabama in Huntsville. At the University of Wisconsin, she taught various programs including group class piano in the Keyboard Department, adult piano studies at the Division of Continuing Studies, and in the Piano Pedagogy Lab and Piano Pioneers Outreach Program.
Very active in the community, Ng was selected as one of the award recipients for the 2014 University of Alabama Huntsville New Faculty Research Program. She plans to use the $10,000 award to create a 10-week music series at local hospitals. At the University of Wisconsin, she served as the President of the MTNA Collegiate Chapter and oversaw the Sound Health Community Program.

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