JAZZ FESTIVAL

Each year, the ABAC Jazz Ensemble sponsors an all-day jazz festival on the ABAC campus featuring performances by high school jazz bands from throughout Georgia. Designed to promote jazz performance and education in South Georgia, the festival provides an opportunity for students from across the region to meet and showcase their talents in a non-competitive atmosphere.

Past festivals have showcased such jazz greats as Nat Adderley, Bobby Shew, Victor Gaines, Bill Watrous and Kevin Mahogany, as well as the ensembles of Branford Marsalis, Steve Turre, Joe Lovano, Maynard Ferguson, and Count Basie to name a few.

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Thursday, April 21, 2016 • 10 a.m. - 5 p.m.
ABAC Campus

The festival also includes a jazz clinic with a well-known jazz educator and performing artist. This artist is featured in an evening concert, often backed by the ABAC Jazz Ensemble. This year’s artist, Greg Tardy, is a protégé of the legendary Ellis Marsalis and has played with Nicholas Payton, Brian Blade, Bill Frisell, Mark Turner, Delfeayo, the Neville Brothers, Wynton Marsalis, and far too many others to mention.

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