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ABAC Concert Choir Presents Fall Concert on November 10

TIFTON- The ABAC Concert Choir will perform a variety of choral music at its fall concert at 7 p.m. on Nov. 10 in Howard Auditorium on the campus of Abraham Baldwin Agricultural College. The concert is open to the public at no charge.

Dr. Susan Roe, Head of the Department of Fine Arts and a Professor of Voice, said the choir continues to increase in size and now has more than 65 students from all over the
southeastern region of the United States. All soloists for the performance are students in the music program working toward an Associate of Fine Arts degree in Music.

The fall concert centers on pieces of music composed by Rosephanye Powell, Professor of Voice at Auburn University, as well as traditional songs of praise. Powell will be the clinician/composer for this year’s ABAC Choral Day on Nov. 12, open only to high school students who have registered for the workshop. She has her master’s in music from Westminster Choir College and her bachelor’s in music education from Alabama State University. She also earned her doctorate of music in vocal performance from Florida State University, where she was also a University Fellow.

The choir’s selections for the evening begin with “The Star Spangled Banner” arranged by Darmon Meader, followed by Zoe Hobby’s arrangement of Wayne Jones’ and the late Dr. Libby Campbell’s composition of ABAC’s Alma Mater. The choir will be accompanied by Dr. Melissa Slawsky, Assistant Professor of Piano and Theory for the ABAC music program.

The entire concert choir will perform “The Heaven Are Telling” from Franz Joseph Haydn’s “The Creation,” with the ABAC Instrumental Ensemble and featured soloists Taylor Walker from Omega, Jay Branch from Tifton, and Terrence Gibson, Jr., from Baxley. The Choir will follow up with “The Moon Is Distant from the Sea” by David N. Childs.

The ABAC Chamber Singers will present two pieces by Rosephanye Powell, “E Oru O” and “The Word Was God.” The Singers will also perform “Jazz Cantate” by Andy Beck. The ABAC Percussion Ensemble will join the ABAC Singers on another of Powell’s works, “Sometimes I Feel Like a Motherless Child.”
The Men’s Quartet comprised of Branch, Matt Fuller from Fitzgerald, Gibson, and Kyle Robinson from Tifton will sing with the Concert Choir “Saints Bound for Heaven” arranged by Alice Parker and Robert Shaw. Gibson and Lauren Lever of Tifton will join the ABAC Concert Choir as soloists for the evening’s closing performance of Powell’s “I Wanna Be Ready.”

For more information, interested persons can contact Roe at (229) 391-4943.

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