Pianist Jasmin Arakawa to Perform at ABAC Virtuoso Series January 19

TIFFON – Internationally-renowned pianist Jasmin Arakawa will perform at the Virtuoso Chamber Music Series on Jan. 19 at 7 p.m. in Howard Auditorium at Abraham Baldwin Agricultural College. The performance is free of charge and open to the community.

ABAC Arts Connection Director Wayne Jones said the Virtuoso Chamber Music Series
is designed to promote an appreciation for the tremendous expressive capacity of fine piano and chamber music. The series features skilled musicians drawn from outstanding regional and national professional artists.

Arakawa has performed widely in North, Central, and South America, Europe, and Japan. She has showcased her talent in prestigious venues worldwide including Carnegie Hall, Salle Gaveau in Paris, and Geneva’s Victoria Hall. Born in Japan, she is a graduate of the Tokyo University of the Arts. She holds a Doctor of Music degree and a Master of Music degree from Indiana University’s Jacobs School of Music.

Arakawa’s special interest in Spanish repertoire grew out of a series of lessons with Alicia de Larrocha in 2004. This led to her recording of Iberia (selections) by Isaac Albeniz. She was sponsored by the Embassy of Spain as a prizewinner at the Tenth Annual Competition in the Performance of Music from Spain and Latin America.

An avid chamber musician, Arakawa has collaborated with such artists as cellists Colin Carr and Gary Hoffman, flutists Jean Ferrandis and Marina Piccinini, clarinetist James Campbell, and the Penderecki Quartet. She is a founding member of Trio Micheletti, which tours extensively and records chamber works by Latin American composers.

Arakawa joined the University of South Alabama’s Department of Music as assistant professor in 2014. Prior university appointments include stints as an associate instructor at Indiana University and accompanying coordinator at Western Illinois University. Arakawa is also on faculty at Piracicaba International Summer Festival in Brazil and the Silicon Valley Music Festival in San Jose, Calif. She has given master classes in various venues, including The Center for Music Education in Heliopolis in Brazil, located in one of the largest favelas in Latin America.
For more information on the Virtuoso Chamber Music Series, interested persons can contact Jones at wjones@abac.edu.

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