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Spring Concert Features ABAC Concert Band April 11-12

TIFTON – Music from Germany, Italy, Russia, Ireland, and the USA will be spotlighted at 7 p.m. on April 11-12 when the Concert Band at Abraham Baldwin Agricultural College presents its spring concert, “World Travels,” in Howard Auditorium.

Concert Band Director Johnny Folsom said the concert on April 11 will be directed mainly toward ABAC students and prospective ABAC students from area high schools. He said the concert on April 12 is directed toward members of the community. Both events are free of charge to anyone who would like to attend.

The concert begins with the classic “Ride of the Valkyries.” And, since air transportation will be required for world travels, the band will then perform “Lord Guard and Guide the Men Who Fly,” based on the U.S. Air Force Hymn of the same title.

Italy is the next stop with “Italian Holiday.” Folsom was inspired to include the song when he witnessed his son-in-law conduct the piece at standing-room only concerts on the Mississippi State University Wind Ensemble tour of Italy.
By this time in the musical journey jet lag may have set in. The ABAC Band reflects this mood with a beautiful rendition of “Poor Wayfaring Stranger.” After being refreshed, the audience will be whisked off to Russia to listen to “Waltz No. 2.”

No trip abroad would be complete without a visit to Ireland. From the shamrocks to the tin-whistle flutes and drums, there are many inspiring melodies on the enchanted isle through “Ireland: Legend and Lore.”

And as the wheels touch down back on American soil, no tune could be more appropriate than to celebrate with John Philip Sousa’s “Stars and Stripes Forever.”

Seating is limited each night so concert goers should arrive early for a good seat. For more information, interested persons can contact Folsom at (229) 391-4944.

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