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“A FINE ROMANCE” EXHIBIT AT HENDERSON LIBRARY THROUGH APRIL 20

March 20, 7 p.m. in 1915 Nessmith Lane. Michael Lasser will speak on “Jewish Songwriters and the Making of American Song.” Mr. Lasser is co-author of America’s Songs: The Stories Behind the Songs of Broadway, Hollywood, and Tin Pan Alley, and has hosted the National Public Radio program “Fascinating Rhythms” since 1980.

March 21, 7 p.m. in 1915 Nessmith-Lane. Panel discussion, “Jewish Songwriters and the Evolution of the American Musical Theater.” Panelists will include Adrian Gnam, conductor of the Georgia Southern Symphony Orchestra, Professor Emeritus Michael Braz, and theatre director Roger Miller.

April 13, 7:30 p.m. in Georgia Southern’s Performing Arts Center, the Georgia Southern Symphony will feature works by Jewish composers under the direction of Adrian Gnam. The program includes

“Without Business Like Show Business (Irving Berlin)
Highlights from Porgy and Bess (George Gershwin)
“Glitter and Be Gay” from Candide (Leonard Bernstein)
Rebecca Flaherty, soprano
Of Man River” from Showboat (Jerome Kern)
Cyril Durant, bass-baritone
Stoppin’ Out Medley (Irving Berlin)
Stoppin’ Out With My Baby
Cheek to Cheek
Change Partners
It Only Happens When I Dance With You
Let Yourself Go
The Best Things Happen When You’re Dancing
You’re Easy to Dance With
Shaking the Blues Away
Rebecca Flaherty, soprano Cyril Durant, bass-baritone
Allan Henderson, baritone
West Side Story for Brass Quintet, Drum Set and Orchestra (Leonard Bernstein)

World premiere of this arrangement by Professor Bill Schimid
Eagle Nation on Parade Installation: “The Pursuit of Knowledge”

On Saturday, February 11, 2012, approximately forty people applauded as Shirley Wiley unveiled “The Pursuit of Knowledge,” the first installation on campus from Georgia Southern University’s public art project Eagle Nation on Parade. The statue was placed along the pedestrian on the east side of the Zach s. Henderson Library, overlooking the lake.

Artist Rebecca Hampton decorated the eagle on a commission supported by the late Vera McElveen Ireland’s gift to the Library’s Naomi Davis McElveen Art Fund. The McElveen Art Fund was established in 1987 by Hassie McElveen McLendon, former campus library director from 1946 to 1970, in honor of her mother. Vera McElveen Ireland was Mrs. McLendon’s sister, and Shirley Wiley is Naomi Davis McElveen’s granddaughter.

Ms. Hampton’s design pays tribute to the everlasting nature of books. She was born in Jacksonville, Florida and attended the Savannah Arts Academy. She graduated cum laude with a degree in painting from the Savannah College of Art and Design. Ms. Hampton resides in Hinesville, Georgia and works as a freelance artist.

The Eagle Nation on Parade public art project salutes the University’s traditions, celebrates the unity of campus and community, and supports student scholarships and research initiatives.

In her introductory remarks, Mrs. Wiley stated “This is the perfect location for this design. It will be a significant addition to this landscape and a reminder that this institution, and this building in particular, is dedicated to the continuing pursuit of knowledge. Many people will walk by this eagle and be reminded of the proud history of the Eagle Nation.”

HAVE YOU FORGOTTEN SOMETHING?

Yes, it’s that time again when we need your help!

If you have not yet renewed your 2012 membership in the Friends of Henderson Library, it’s not too late. Any donation to the Henderson Library gives you membership with the Friends, and, your donation is tax deductible! Your support helps with budget cuts and provides many services to our library patrons. Remember, that in addition to serving the research needs of Georgia Southern, Henderson Library is also a community resource. As a Friends member you are kept abreast of all the library’s upcoming activities and events. Make your commitment today! You can show your support by donating online at http://tinyurl.com/joinfohl, or by sending your check directly to us at Henderson Library, PO Box 8074, Statesboro, GA 30460.