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KEY NOTES



The Newsletter of the Department of Music

STUDENT AND ALUMNI AWARDS



TEACHER OF THE YEAR!

Adam Akridge (BM '13, Music Education), Music Teacher at Twin City Elementary School in Emanuel County, was named Teacher of the Year. Congratulations, Adam!

OLIN G. PARKER LEADERSHIP AWARD!

Michael Edwards, music education major at the Georgia Southern Armstrong Campus, was recently selected as the 2018 recipient of the Olin G. Parker Leadership Award for Province 33 of Phi Mu Alpha Sinfonia. Phi Mu Alpha Sinfonia is a national music fraternity for men. Michael was selected for this prestigious award from all the chapters of Province 33, which includes all the universities in Georgia north of I-16.

GEORGIA SOUTHERN AT SAVANNAH JAZZ FESTIVAL

The Georgia Southern University Jazz Ensemble, under the direction of Dr. Rick Mason, has accepted an invitation to be the featured big band on the opening day of the 2018 Savannah Jazz Festival on Sunday, September 23 at 5:00 PM at the

Mansion Hotel, 700 Drayton St, Savannah (across from Forsyth Park).

This is the third consecutive year the GS Jazz Ensemble has been invited by the Coastal Jazz Association to perform at this prestigious nationally recognized festival, featuring several major solo and ensemble artists from across the country.

All events of the Festival are free to the public. Come support our Georgia Southern University Jazz Ensemble at this extraordinary music festival.

A vibrant poster for the 37th Annual Savannah Jazz Festival. The top half features a stylized illustration of a jazz ensemble performing. A saxophonist in the foreground is playing a saxophone, while other musicians behind him play a trumpet, double bass, and another saxophone. The background shows a bridge over water. The text on the poster includes: "SAVANNAH Jazz FESTIVAL" in the top right, "37TH ANNUAL SAVANNAH JAZZ FESTIVAL" in large bold letters, "SEPTEMBER 23 - 29, 2018" below it, "ALL EVENTS FREE" in smaller text, and "Georgia Southern Jazz Ensemble performing" in a dark box. At the bottom, a blue banner contains the text "September 23, 2018 5:00 PM" and "Mansion Hotel 700 Drayton Street, Savannah Georgia".

SAVANNAH Jazz FESTIVAL

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UPCOMING EVENTS IN STATESBORO

Georgia Southern University Symphonic Wind Ensemble & Wind Symphony

"Remembering Lennie"



Highlighting the music of Leonard Bernstein

September 20, 2018 7:30 pm

Performing Arts Center



For our first concert of the 2018-2019 season, the Georgia Southern University Wind Symphony and Symphonic Wind Ensemble present a program of wind band favorites, with the Symphonic Wind Ensemble celebrating the Centennial of Leonard Bernstein by performing his Symphonic Dances from *West Side Story*, *All Mighty Father* from "MASS," and *Candide Suite*.

Bernstein was one of most famous conductors, composers, and pianists of the Twentieth Century and, alongside his flamboyant musical persona, his televised Children's Concerts with the New York Philharmonic, and his stunning lectures on music at Harvard University have shown him to be one of the musical greats of all time.

We hope everyone will come and celebrate the great Leonard Bernstein along with us!



Georgia Southern University Department of Music
Presents Guest Artist Series

Chiao-Ling Sun, violin
Ken Chan, piano

Master Class
September 25, 2018 2:30 pm

Concert
September 26, 2018 7:30 pm

Carol A. Carter Recital Hall

Free and open to the public.



U.S. Army Chorus Second Tenors
September 29, 2018
Carol A. Carter Recital Hall
2:00 pm Concert

Georgia Southern University Alumni
Matt Heil

Military Appreciation Day
at Paulson Stadium 6:00 pm



U.S. Army Chorus Second Tenors & Alumnus Matt Heil

On Saturday, September 29, Matthew Heil and five additional singers who make up

the U.S. Army Chorus's second tenor section, will be in town to sing the National Anthem at the Georgia Southern University football game honoring Military Appreciation Day. The U.S. Army Chorus is the vocal counterpart to The United States Army Band "Pershing's Own." The tenors will also grace the stage of The Carol A. Carter Recital Hall with a concert of light-hearted and popular standards sometime on Saturday-- we can't publish a concert time until ESPN releases the start time of the football game!! Please stay tuned to the Music Department because this is not a concert that you will want to miss!

Matt Heil graduated from Georgia Southern University in 2001 and he is being honored at one of GSU's 40 most influential graduates under the age of 40!

Here is an excerpt from the 40 under 40 questionnaire:

What are your proudest accomplishments since graduating from GSU?

One of my first and proudest accomplishments happened right after I graduated from Georgia Southern University in 2001. I auditioned for the Atlanta Opera Chorus and was accepted into this world class regional company. I sang in over seven operas between 2002 and 2004. As I walked out onto the famous Fox Theatre in Atlanta and sang for the first time as a professional singer, it gave me great pride to know that professors and my voice teacher, Mrs. Sarah Hancock, from Georgia Southern had catapulted me in the right direction.

My second proudest accomplishment would be my current job. For the past 12 years I have served our nation's army in the United States Army Band singing in the United States Army Chorus. After graduate school I decided to audition for this all-male ensemble...I sang three or four songs for the twenty or so soldiers sitting before me, and I sang The National Anthem. I was trembling with fear; it was a terrifying thing to perform in front of your mature peers and these were soldiers, something that was very foreign to me. The next thing I heard from one the Sergeant Majors was "You're Hired!" "What! Wait a minute! I'm hired? Do I have to go to boot camp?" The room erupted in laughter with an overwhelming "YES!" Since that exciting day in 2006, I moved to Washington, D.C. to be a musical ambassador for our nation, our six living presidents, our military and elected leaders, our veterans, and our men and women serving in harm's way. The supreme awe of who I have sung for and what it is to be a part of our nation's living history, whether it is singing for Queen Elizabeth II, Pope Benedict XVI, or a Vietnam Veteran makes me proud to serve by using the gift of music.

When I was a freshman, the professors in the music department saw something in me that I had not yet tapped into and encouraged me to explore music as a potential professional career. I cannot begin to say how thankful I am to Dr. Caldwell, Mrs. Hancock, Dr. Hancock, and Dr. McClain that I changed my major from Exercise Science to Vocal Performance. Without their guidance I would not be where I am today, and I will always be grateful for the opportunities the music department presented me.

We, in the Music Department, are extremely proud of Matt and all our alumni.

Please mark your calendars, and come hear these gentlemen on September 29 in the Carol A. Carter Recital Hall.

Here is a link to the United States Army Chorus website:

<https://www.usarmyband.com/chorus/the-us-army-chorus.html>



Georgia Southern Jazz Ensemble

Come hear the Georgia Southern University Jazz Ensemble in our first on-campus concert of the Fall 2018 semester.

Following an appearance on Sept 23 at the Savannah Jazz Festival, the 19 piece GS Jazz Ensemble will perform works from the bands of jazz greats Buddy Rich, Dizzy Gillespie, Charles Mingus, Quincy Jones, Gordon Goodwin, John Fedchock, and featuring compositions and arrangements by Alan Baylock, former Chief Arranger for the premiere Air Force jazz ensemble, the Airmen of Note.

The concert is on Thursday, September 27th at 7:30 PM at the Performing Arts Center. The performance is free and open to the public.

Georgia Southern University

Department of Music

presents

Vocal Arts Gala

Celebrating Exceptional Singing

Friday, September 28, 2017 7:30 pm

Carol A. Carter Recital Hall





The Georgia Southern Symphony opens the 2018-19 Season with an exciting concert, on Sunday, September 30, 3:00 pm, in the Carol A. Carter Recital Hall (Statesboro Campus). Featuring the Strings of the Georgia Southern Symphony, the varied and colorful program includes Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart's Divertimento in D Major, Edward Elgar's Serenade, and Edvard Grieg's Holberg Suite.

The concert will be repeated on Monday, Oct. 1 in the Fine Arts Hall on the Armstrong Campus in Savannah, at 7:30 pm.

For a complete schedule of Upcoming Events in the Department, visit
<http://cah.georgiasouthern.edu/music/>
and click on "Concerts/Events."

All events are free and open to the public unless otherwise stated.

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