Georgia Southern Opera and the Georgia Southern Symphony will present a full production, *Le nozze di Figaro*, by Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart on April 22 and 23 at the Georgia Southern Performing Arts Center. Both performances begin at 7:30 p.m and are free and open to the public.

The most frequently performed Mozart opera, *Le nozze di Figaro*, is comprised of some of the most beloved music of all time.

Georgia Southern Opera director Arikka Gregory has led a student cast and orchestra in months of preparation for this masterful score.

Meanwhile, she has been working to provide the students and their audience with the trappings of a large opera house theatre experience. “We have rented an enormous set,” said Gregory. “It arrived on a 53′ semi and took 10 hours and almost 30 people for us to unload and assemble, but it is worth it because the end result is really quite stunning.”

Gregory’s students are excited to have this opportunity to participate in such a huge project. Junior Choral Music Education major Travius Burch feels “truly blessed to be apart of a cast that is so vastly different, but strongly dedicated to each other and the music. I feel like we feed off of each other’s energy on stage, and it’s so much fun!”

This is Maestro Adrian Gnam’s first collaboration with Georgia Southern Opera, which makes the event even more special.

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Georgia Southern Art Students Stand Out at American Advertising Awards in Savannah

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The 2015 Savannah American Advertising Federation Awards banquet was held Saturday, April 2, 2016, at the Creator’s Foundry in Savannah, Ga. Georgia Southern brought home seven ADDY awards for outstanding graphic design work.

“Our students are among the most talented in the region, and we’re very proud of their accomplishments,” said Robert Farber, chair of the Betty Foy Sanders Department of Art.

“Events like this one give our students an opportunity to see how the skills they learn in the studio are applied in the marketplace and shows them how they measure up next to their peers.”

Gold ADDY Winners:
Brenden Lloyd, Out of Home: Poster, Little Red Riding Hood
Ashley Hillman, Integrated Brand Identity Campaign, Thai Skies Airline

Silver ADDY Winners:
Xinyang Li, Mobile App “WUM”
Shelby Myers, Logo Design, Minoan Air Logo

Bronze ADDY Winners:
Affaf Aslam, Package Design, Shan Repackaging,
Brooke Fremeau, Brochure Design, Zoetic Fitness Member Package

Hillman also took home a special judge’s award for her design work. Judge Glen Hosking, Executive Creative Director at Dunn & Co. in Tampa, Fla., called her work, “Informed Design. Very Professional. Believable” and “Good enough to be used immediately.”

“This is a proud moment for BFSDoA as well as for me as a graphic design professor. There’s nothing so rewarding for me as a teacher than to see my students succeed,” said Associate Professor of Graphic Design Santanu Majumdar. “I am proud of the students who have won and participated in the prestigious awards like ADDYs. I would like to see more achievement in coming years.”
Other judges for this year’s ADDYs were Jason Craig, Senior Designer at Wier/Stewart in Augusta, Ga., and Dale Addy, Partner at DNA Creative in Nashville, Tenn.

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STATESBORO, Ga. – Betty Foy Sanders Department of Art student Allison Mueller is gearing up to introduce printmaking to the community in a big way—using a steamroller—during this year’s ArtsFest on April 23 from 11 a.m. – 4 p.m. on Sweetheart Circle at Georgia Southern University.

Southern Steam Prints is the first event of its kind at Georgia Southern. For this event, Mueller issued a call to artists to design and carve, 4-foot-by-4-foot and 4-foot-by-8-foot wood relief blocks. On the day of the festival, the blocks will be linked together, inked, and printed by driving over the blocks with a BOMAG steamroller, provided by Southern Rental Systems.

The theme for the inaugural Southern Steam Prints event is History—local, national and personal. So far, five blocks have been selected for printing. Work from local art students at the Charter Conservatory, professional and student artists are among those to be printed.

“When people outside of the art community think of art, they usually think of painting, drawing and color pencil. Most have never heard of printmaking,” said Mueller. “But for me printmaking is one of the most interesting, process-heavy ways to create art.”

To give festivalgoers a hands-on opportunity to learn the printmaking process, Mueller has worked with professor Trish Carter, fellow art students, and Statesboro-Bulloch County Parks and Recreation to develop and organize two other Print Zone ArtStops for the festival. So not only will visitors have a chance to become involved in the process of creating the large-scale prints with Southern Steam Prints, they also will have the opportunity to pull handmade paper and create monoprints. Visitors also will have an opportunity to purchase handmade prints and books created by students in the BFSDoArt Print & Paper Society at the festival’s Artist Market.

Mueller is a senior B.F.A. 2D Studio major from Milton, Ga. The Print Zone/Southern Steam Prints event is part of her honors thesis project which focuses on educating the public on the historic, image-making process of printmaking.

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STATESBORO, Ga. – The Georgia Southern University Betty Foy Sanders Department of Art presents “24 Pixels: Graphic Design Portfolio Show” April 22 – 28 in the University and Contemporary Galleries at the Center for Art and Theatre. The opening reception is April 22 from 5 – 7 p.m. Light refreshments will be served and the public is invited to attend.

“By this point just about everything we encounter in our lives is the product of design: it becomes like water to a fish, something so ubiquitous we often don’t recall that it’s there,” said Gallery Director Jason Hoelscher. “That’s a reason I think graphic design exhibitions like this are so important, because the work is allowed to stand on its own merits, as a crucial part of our culture brought into focus on its own terms and shared for all to see.

“Having sat in on some of the graphic design critiques, I can attest to the passion, skills and creativity the BFSDoArt Graphic Design students possess, and am very excited about the fantastic and engaging works on exhibit,” he added.

This exhibition features graphic design work from senior B.F.A. Graphic Design majors enrolled in the Graphic Design Portfolio course taught by associate professor Santanu Majumdar. They are Kaitlin Baylie, Sanice Bell, Jackson Brantley, Sara Campbell, Jaimee Collins, Di’monds Davidson, Rebecca Davis, Maya Gleason, Ashley Hillman, Shelby Landes, Brendan Lloyd, Albert Marquez, Shelby Myers, Gianna Palazzolo, Yendi Reid, Kelly Shofner, Alexander Smith, Hailey Smith, Audrey Stamps, Margarita Suarez, Andrew Taylor, Sarah Tholen and TJ Williams.

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