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Acclaimed Dance Company Hubbard Street 2 at Performing Arts Center on Feb. 2

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One of the country's most exciting dance companies is coming to the Performing Arts Center (PAC) at Georgia Southern University.

Hubbard Street 2 will perform at the PAC on Saturday, Feb. 2, at 7:30 p.m.

Based in Chicago, Hubbard Street 2 is a company of dancers between the ages of 17 and 25 who perform a repertoire of work by many of the nation's most promising choreographers.

With a desire to expose its audience to a wide variety of dance techniques, movement styles and artistic approaches, Hubbard Street 2 strives to perform an eclectic body of work, with an emphasis on new creation.

Tickets for Hubbard Street 2 are \$30 per person for the general public. Georgia Southern faculty, staff and students will receive a \$5 discount for each ticket.

In addition, if any tickets are available 10 minutes prior to the scheduled start of the performance, any Georgia Southern student with a valid University I.D. can purchase one ticket for \$10.

Hubbard Street 2 was founded in 1997 as part of Hubbard Street Dance Chicago, which has been a most respected force in contemporary dance for three decades. Consisting of six full company members and two apprentices, Hubbard Street 2 reaches more than 35,000 each year through performances in schools, community centers and theaters.

In the process, it has emerged as a respected training ground for professional dancers and choreographers.

The PAC is located on the Georgia Southern campus at the corner of Chandler Road and Plant Drive. The box office is open every Tuesday through Friday from 10 a.m. until 5 p.m. The box office is also open one hour prior to the start of each performance.

To purchase tickets or obtain additional information, call (912) 486-7999 or toll free (866) PAC-ARTS, or visit the PAC Web site at <http://ceps.georgiasouthern.edu/pac> .

Georgia Southern University, a Carnegie Doctoral/Research University, offers more than 120 degree programs serving nearly 17,000 students. Through eight colleges, the University offers bachelor's, master's and doctoral degree programs built on more than a century of academic achievement. The University, one of Georgia's largest, is a top choice of Georgia's HOPE scholars and is recognized for its student-centered approach to education. Visit: www.georgiasouthern.edu

Georgia Southern University approved to offer Doctor of Nursing Practice degree

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With approval from the Board of Regents, Georgia Southern University will offer the Doctor of Nursing Practice (DNP) degree beginning in the fall of 2008. The DNP program, offered online through the University's School of Nursing, is one of only two such degree programs in Georgia.

"This is a major milestone not only for the School of Nursing and Georgia Southern University, but for the profession within the state and region," said Fred Whitt, dean of the College of Health and Human Sciences at Georgia Southern University. "By delivering the program online, students will have access to one of the nation's top nursing programs at any location with an Internet connection."

This is Georgia Southern University's fifth doctoral degree program. Since being classified a doctoral research university by the Carnegie Foundation for Teaching in 2006, the university has added doctoral degrees in psychology (PsyD) and public health (DrPH), and now in nursing practice (DNP). Two doctor of education degrees (EdD) were first offered in 1995.

The DNP will prepare graduates to provide the most advanced level of nursing care for individuals and communities, including direct care of individual patients, management of care for individuals and populations, administration of nursing systems, and the development and implementation of health policy. With additional coursework in education, the DNP will also prepare graduates to serve as nurse educators in schools of nursing.

The DNP program builds on Georgia Southern's outstanding record in graduate nursing education. The University's graduate nursing programs have been ranked number 11 in the country by US News and World Report for the past three years. The Family Nurse Practitioner program, which provides the foundation for the DNP, is recognized as a model graduate program by the National Organization for Nurse Practitioner Faculties. Today, graduate programs in the School of Nursing boast a sustained 100 percent pass rate on certification exams.

"With the approval of this program, Georgia Southern University takes a leadership role in moving graduate nursing education to a new standard," said Dr. Jean Bartels, director of the University's School of Nursing. "Georgia faces an unprecedented and critical shortage of doctoral-prepared nurses, and the approval of this new degree program could not have come at a better time."

In addition to a general statewide and regional shortage of nurses, universities are facing shortages in nursing faculty and advanced nurse practitioners. The shortage has a negative impact on nursing education and on the healthcare industry in general.

Interest in Georgia Southern University's DNP program is already high, with more than 70 prospective students on a waiting list for admission. Prospective students include nurses who currently hold a master's degree and work as nurse executives, nurse educators, nurse anesthetists, clinical nurse specialists, or nurse practitioners.