Tango Buenos Aires to take the stage at Georgia Southern Performing Arts Center

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The Georgia Southern University Performing Arts Center (PAC) welcomes the group Tango Buenos Aires, direct from Buenos Aires, Argentina, to the stage on Tuesday, March 10 at 7:30 p.m.

Tango Buenos Aires has become one of Argentina’s great cultural exports, known throughout the Americas, Europe and the Far East as the most authentic and uncompromising representative of the Tango. Since 1986, Tango Buenos Aires has been touring internationally, and will bring to the stage “The Song of Eva Peron,” a journey through dance and music of the life of Eva Peron, the former first lady of Argentina, and the basis for the famous Broadway musical Evita.

“We are so excited to present Tango Buenos Aires,” said Stacie McDaniel, house manager and administrative coordinator for the PAC.

“There’s something so magical about the combination of the Tango, this beautiful traditional dance, and the enchanting live music. If you’re not familiar with the Tango, that’s okay too, because it’s really just about telling a story, and you don’t have to understand the mechanics of dancing in order to get swept away by the beautiful love story of Eva Peron’s life.”

Accompanied on stage by a live orchestra, dancers bring the seductive and graceful Argentine tango to life with amazing speed and skill, and tell the stories of one of Argentina’s most iconic and beloved political leaders.

Tickets are $10 for Georgia Southern students, $19 for faculty and staff and $22 for all other patrons. To purchase tickets, contact the PAC Box Office at (912) 478-7999 or visit Georgiasouthern.edu/pac.
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Georgia Southern to Host Inaugural Holi Festival

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The Multicultural Student Center and the Center for International Studies at Georgia Southern University will host the inaugural Holi Festival on campus Wednesday, March 11 from 6 to 7:30 p.m. on Georgia Avenue in front of the University Store and Dining Commons.

Translated as the “Festival of Colors,” Holi is a traditional holiday celebrated by Hindus and Sikhs. Holi Festival has an ancient origin and celebrates the triumph of good over bad. It is a socio-cultural festival during which a wide range of colors are smeared over each other as a mark of love and belonging, and to welcome the spring season.

“One of the goals of the Multicultural Student Center is to produce programs and activities intended to raise multicultural awareness and appreciation of diversity across the campus, and foster a climate within the campus community which recognizes the value that multicultural diversity brings to the total educational experience. The Holi Festival does exactly that,” said Dorsey Baldwin, director of the Multicultural Student Center. “We were excited that some students and faculty members came to us with the idea of having this cultural program on our campus and we are equally excited to make this a tradition on our campus.”

The Holi Festival can be regarded as a celebration of the colors of unity, friendship and brotherhood — an opportunity to forget all differences and indulge in unadulterated fun. It has traditionally been celebrated in high spirit without any distinction of caste, creed, color, race, status or sex. It is one occasion when sprinkling colored powder (‘Gulal’) on each other breaks all barriers of discrimination so that everyone looks the same and universal brotherhood is reaffirmed.

“Holi is a beautiful cultural holiday, rich in Indian/Hindu spirituality coupled with exuberance and joy of the coming of spring. With beautiful colors and music to accompany to the celebrations, Holi is the perfect Indian holiday to be held on college campuses,” said Jacek Lubecki, director of the Center for International Studies.
Participants are advised to wear white T-shirts or clothing that you don’t mind getting smeared with colored powder. The colored powders will go away after washing and are nontoxic. However, try to avoid getting the colors into eyes, ears, nose or mouth.

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**Georgia Southern Announces Change in Two Divisions**

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President Brooks A. Keel announced today that Russell Keen, the current vice president for government relations and community engagement will lead a newly formed Division of External Affairs. This new division will include University protocol, government relations and community engagement as well as, the move of the current marketing and communications department into this new division. The marketing and communication department was formerly within the Division of University Advancement.

Dr. Keel explains, “The creation of the Division of External Affairs will bring greater efficiency and collaboration to the efforts of communicating the Georgia Southern story. Under Russell’s leadership, we are well positioned to manage the growing reach we have as a University to our community and the state of Georgia.”

The Marketing and Communications department, now part of the Division of External Affairs will continue to provide marketing, public relations, website, photography and advertising services to the University community and remain the point of contact for the University brand and media relations.

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