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Georgia Southern Welcomes Celtic Musicians Natalie MacMaster and Donnell Leahy to the PAC

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The Georgia Southern University Performing Arts Center (PAC) is pleased to welcome Natalie MacMaster and Donnell Leahy to the PAC Stage, 847 Plant Drive, as they present their Celtic musical talent in "Visions from Cape Breton and Beyond: A Celtic Family Celebration" on Friday, March 6 at 7:30 p.m.

"We're most excited about this show because it's a great way to bring together the Irish community in the local area, especially during this time of year when St. Patrick's Day is coming up and everyone is paying respect to their cultural heritage," said Stacie McDaniel, house manager and administrative coordinator of the PAC. "But it's not just about celebrating the remarkably rich Celtic traditions, but also about bringing something new to this type of dance and music and introducing a whole new generation to the magic of it."

The husband-and-wife duo has received both industry acclaim and a loyal fan following by combining their individual talents, giving audiences a remarkable musical experience each and every night. MacMaster has been called "the most dynamic performer in Celtic music today," by *The Boston Herald*, and in this performance she



joins Leahy of the iconic Leahy Family band. For the first time on stage, they'll feature their children alongside dancers and singers from the traditions of their hometowns of Cape Breton in Nova Scotia, Canada, and Lakefield, Ontario.

The evening will highlight the unique talents, influences, and stories of the first family of traditional fiddlers through dancing, singing, and, of course, world-class music-making. Audiences can expect endearing stories of the character and characters of the island, helping them to understand the land, lives and loves that have shaped the two musical families into one.

Tickets are \$10 for Georgia Southern students, \$22 for faculty and staff and \$25 for all other patrons. To purchase tickets, contact the PAC Box Office at [\(912\) 478-7999](tel:9124787999) or visit GeorgiaSouthern.edu/pac.

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Ticket Distribution for Archie Manning

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Georgia Southern University will welcome former National Football League player and the National Football Foundation's College Hall of Fame member, Archie Manning, at Hanner Fieldhouse on Tuesday, March 24 at 7 p.m. as part of the University's Leadership Lecture Series.

Tickets are required, and are free and available on a first-come, first-served basis. Tickets will not be available at the door the night of the event. The following dates have been designated for students, faculty, staff and the community to get tickets.

Student Ticket Distribution: March 2-10

- Students need to present their Eagle ID at the time of ticket pick-up and will be limited to one ticket per person.



- Tickets will be distributed from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. daily at the Office of Student Leadership and Civic Engagement, Russell Union 1056.

Faculty & Staff Ticket Distribution: March 5-10

- Faculty and staff also need to present their Eagle ID at the time of ticket pick-up and will be limited to two tickets per person.
- Tickets will be distributed from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. daily at the Office of Student Leadership and Civic Engagement, Russell Union 1056.

Community Ticket Distribution: March 9-10

- Tickets will be distributed from 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. daily at the Hanner Fieldhouse box office.
- Tickets will also be available to the local Savannah Community at the Coastal Georgia Center, located at 305 Fahm Street, next to the Savannah Visitors Center. Tickets will be distributed during regular business hours.

Please plan to arrive early and note that doors will close at 6:45 p.m. No one will be admitted to the event after that time. No photographs or recording of the event will be allowed. For more information, visit: GeorgiaSouthern.edu/speakerseries.

Georgia Southern to Host Sexual Assault & Spring Break Awareness Week

MARCH 2, 2015

STATESBORO, Ga. (March 2, 2015) — Georgia Southern University's Sexual Assault Response Team (SART) will host Sexual Assault & Spring Break Awareness Week on campus from March 2-5. The week aims to unify individuals against sexual violence with two major events scheduled throughout the week as part of the campaign.

"This is the fifteenth year that we've done this event on our campus," said Dr. Jodi Caldwell, and director of the University Counseling Center and chair for SART at Georgia Southern. "We do our awareness week prior to spring break because it's a high risk time for sexual assault, and while education in this field is always important, we want to educate our student community before they go on break to increase their safety."

Students, faculty and staff are invited to participate in The Clothesline Project at the Russell Union Rotunda and Recreation Activity Center lobby from 9a.m.-5p.m. and at the Centennial Place Café from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., where they can create a t-shirt to express emotions and reactions regarding

sexual violence .The shirts created will then be displayed to represent the various forms and degrees of sexual violence.

Take Back the Night (TBTN) Rally and March will take place as part of the week's events on Thursday, March 5 at 7:30p.m. The event will begin at the Russell Union Rotunda at 7 p.m. for anyone who wishes to participate. The event will include a candlelight vigil, rally, survivor speak-out and the large-scale public march.

Since the 1970s in the United States, TBTN has focused on eliminating sexual and domestic violence in all forms. Thousands of colleges, domestic violence shelters, and rape crisis centers have held events all over the country. Georgia Southern continues to participate in the tradition to encourage the campus community to unify against sexual violence.

Because Georgia Southern works in conjunction with the Statesboro Regional Sexual Assault Center, Christy Perry, the Director of the center, strongly supports this initiative taking place before spring break.

"We know some students are going to engage in semi-risky behavior on Spring Break," Perry said. "We offer 24/7 free services such as counseling, crisis intervention, forensic exams and medication among other services. We want students to know that no matter what happens they'll have the resources they need and that we're here."

For more information on SART, visit GeorgiaSouthern.edu/counseling/crisis/sexual-assault-response-team/ or contact Dr. Caldwell at jodic@georgiasouthern.edu

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