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Chuck Nation Band to open for Georgia Southern Vocal Arts Festival series

FEBRUARY 8, 2018

As part of the Georgia Southern Department of Music and Campus Life Enrichment Committee's semester-long Vocal Arts Festival, international performers and former Georgia Music Artist of the Year nominees, the Chuck Nation Band, will play a concert Saturday, Feb. 10 at 7:30 p.m. at First Presbyterian Church in Statesboro, Georgia.

The bluegrass band hails from Gainesville, Georgia, and is composed of Chuck Nation (fiddle/mandolin), Susan Nation (acoustic bass), Jody Hughes (guitar/banjo), Libby Nation (mandolin/guitar/piano) and Steve Vincent (drums). They have toured internationally and performed in Ireland, China and Inner Mongolia. They have also performed at historic venues in the United States such as Carnegie Hall in New York City and the Ryman Auditorium in Nashville, Tennessee.



The band, along with Tim Sharp, executive director of the American Choral Directors Association, will also perform "Come Away to the Skies: A High Lonesome Bluegrass Mass" on Sunday, Feb. 11 at 8:15 a.m. at Trinity Episcopal Church and at 11 a.m. at First Presbyterian Church in Statesboro.

"As we were developing a variety of programming for the winter and spring of 2018, we realized that the diversity of styles and performers we are bringing to the community might be better communicated as a collective event and out of that discussion came the idea for a Vocal Arts Festival," said Music Professor Allen Henderson, D.M.A.

The Chuck Nation Band performance will be followed by a series of other community events throughout March and April.

"Statesboro and Georgia Southern are home to people with diverse musical interests, so we have partnered with a variety of individuals to bring composers, vocal coaches, singers, conductors and award-winning bluegrass performers to Statesboro to not only enrich the education and performances of our students, but to also celebrate the diversity of music our citizens enjoy. This is a true collaboration of various campus and community groups," said Henderson.

Georgia Southern University, a public Carnegie Doctoral/Research institution founded in 1906, offers 142 degree programs serving more than 27,000 students through nine colleges on three campuses in Savannah, Statesboro, Hinesville and online instruction. A leader in higher education in southeast Georgia, the University provides a diverse student population with expert faculty, world-class scholarship and hands-on learning opportunities. Georgia

Georgia Southern University's Cookie Recipe Contest is open for submissions

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Georgia Southern invites students to be a part of University history by submitting their original recipe for the Cookie Recipe Contest now through Feb. 28. The winning recipe will become the official cookie of Georgia Southern.

This is the chance of a lifetime for bakers, cookie lovers and anyone who has the skills and determination to whip up a next-level cookie recipe. Current students can submit original, unpublished recipes with no more than 10 ingredients and 30-minute prep time.

Chef and Director of Culinary Operations Michael Price, along with a team of judges will select the winning cookie recipe based on the criteria of taste, appearance, creativity and crowd appeal. Four finalists will each receive a \$150 gift certificate to the University Store, an award presented at the grand announcement and a featured article in University media.

The grand prize includes a \$500 gift certificate to the University Store, an award presented at the grand announcement and a featured article in University media. The winning cookie will also be served at all official University events.

"I am very excited to be a part of something that will become a new campus tradition," said Price. "We have a lot of eager 'True Blue' students who would love to contribute to this contest. I think it's a great opportunity for them to showcase their passion for Georgia Southern."

For full contest rules and to submit an original recipe visit, GeorgiaSouthern.edu/cookie.