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Master of Fine Arts candidate has steel sculpture exhibition on Statesboro Campus

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Master of Fine Arts candidate Kench Lott challenges depth and understanding with steel sculptures in his upcoming exhibition "Mindful Escapism." The exhibition will be on view from Nov. 5 through 30 at the Center for Art and Theatre's University Gallery on the Georgia Southern University Statesboro Campus. A public reception will be Friday, Nov. 30 from 5 to 7 p.m. at the gallery.

Lott creates visual paradoxes to generate a mindful form of escapism by working with basic materials such as hollow steel piping and solid steel rods. Lott's intent with his works is to divert the viewer's attention away from the distractions of society by challenging their understanding of space and depth.

"My installations act as a catalyst to focus a viewer's attention to that which is directly in their field of view," Lott said. "The structures are visually confusing and sometimes create impossible visual paradoxes that must be studied and contemplated by the viewer."

Jason Hoelscher, the Betty Foy Sanders Department of Art gallery director in Statesboro, said Lott does a great job of commanding a space with a minimalistic approach.

"Lott's work for years now has explored issues of just how much presence can be created with open spaces," Hoelscher said. "Rather than commanding a gallery space with large forms or heavy mass, Kench has zeroed in on how to command space with little more than slivers of form and the shadows they cast. The work becomes less about itself as an object and more a prompt for paying attention to everything going on around it."

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Tags: Betty Foy Sanders Department of Art, College of Arts and Humanities
Georgia Southern’s upcoming production of ‘The Amen Corner’ to celebrate 35th anniversary of original performance on campus

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Thirty-five years ago, Mical Whitaker made history on the Georgia Southern University Statesboro Campus when he directed “The Amen Corner” by James Baldwin, the first play directed by an African-American playwright to be included in a Georgia Southern Theatre season. Georgia Southern Theatre’s upcoming performance of the play will celebrate Whitaker’s achievement.

As part of the celebration, a panel of speakers will address the works of Baldwin, the integration of Georgia Southern and the role of African-American theatre on Nov. 12 at 7:30 p.m.

Cast members from the original Georgia Southern production and members of Georgia Southern’s The First 500 club are contributing to a display in the Black Box Theatre lobby and the Zach S. Henderson Library on Baldwin’s work and desegregation at the University.

“The Amen Corner” takes place in a corner church and in the Harlem apartment of pastor Margaret Alexander, her son, David, and sister, Odessa. After giving a fiery Sunday morning sermon, Margaret is confronted by the unexpected arrival of her estranged husband, Luke, who collapses from illness shortly after his arrival in her home. Luke’s return brings about a conflict within both the church and the family as the true history of Margaret and Luke’s relationship is revealed.

Baldwin broke literary ground with the exploration of racial and social issues in his many works, and “The Amen Corner” was his first time writing for theater. He is especially known for his essays on the black experience in America. “The Amen Corner” focuses on dissension between art and religion, love of others, and love of the lord.

The play will run from Nov. 7 through Nov. 14, except on Nov. 12, at the Center for Art & Theatre’s Black Box Theatre. All performances will start at 7:30 p.m. except for the matinee Sunday, Nov. 11, which is at 2 p.m.

Ticket prices are $12 for general admission and $6 for students, seniors and members of the military. Group rates are available. For more information and to buy tickets, click here.

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Georgia Southern is a featured name ‘Green College’ by The Princeton Review

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Georgia Southern University is one of the 399 most environmentally responsible colleges in the country according to The Princeton Review for the eighth consecutive year. The education services company known for its test prep, tutoring services, books and college rankings features Georgia Southern in the 2018 edition of its free book, The Princeton Review Guide to 399 Green Colleges.

The Princeton Review chose the schools for this ninth annual edition of its “green guide” based on data from the company’s 2017-18 survey of hundreds of four-year colleges concerning the schools’ commitments to the environment and sustainability.

“At Georgia Southern, we understand the importance of serving as a model of sustainability: not only in order to reduce our impact, but to inspire our students toward a sustainable future through innovation and education,” said Lissa Leege, Ph.D., Center for Sustainability director. “Our continued national recognition as a Green College affirms the strong partnership among students, faculty and staff who work together to accomplish the University’s sustainability goals.”

The profiles in The Princeton Review’s Guide to 399 Green Colleges provide information about each school’s admission requirements, cost and financial aid, and student body statistics. They also include “Green Facts” about the schools with details on the availability of transportation alternatives and the percentage of food budgets spent on local/organic food. In the “Campus Life” section of the profile, The Princeton Review posts the school’s 2018 Princeton Review Green Rating score, and a more detailed “Green Highlights” narrative write-up.

According to the information listed in The Princeton Review’s Guide to 399 Green Colleges, “Georgia Southern emphasizes renewable energy and environmental science research. A newly established Academic Center for Sustainability and sustainability coordinator position highlights this dedication. It is home to many laboratories, including a new Renewable Energy Laboratory, which gives students the chance to participate in applied research on energy initiatives such as converting Georgia-grown agricultural products into marketable fuel. In addition, the Center hosts student-led sustainability action projects such as participating in ‘No Impact Week, every day of which was dedicated to a different way students could take on eco-responsible habits, such as reducing consumption, trash and alternative transportation.”

“We strongly recommend Georgia Southern and the other fine colleges in this guide to the many environmentally-minded students who seek to study and live at green colleges,” said The Princeton Review’s Robert Franek, editor-in-chief.

Franek noted that college applicants and their parents are increasingly concerned about the environment and sustainability issues. Among nearly 11,000 teens and parents The Princeton Review surveyed earlier this year for its 2018 "College Hopes & Worries Survey," 63 percent overall said having information about a college's commitment to the environment would influence their decision to apply to or attend the school.

The Princeton Review first published this guide in 2010. It remains the only free, annually updated downloadable guide to green colleges. The company is also known for its dozens of categories of college rankings in its annual books, The Best 384 Colleges and Best Value Colleges.

For more information regarding The Princeton Review’s Guide to 399 Green Colleges and to see of full list of this year’s recipients visit www.princetonreview.com/green-guide.

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Full-time professionals and distance learners earning a Master’s of Accounting degree online through the WebMAcc Program at Georgia Southern University are enrolled in the most flexible online program at one of the top 50 schools for accounting degrees in the country, according to OnlineMasters.com.

“We are grateful to be recognized by OnlineMasters.com as a top accounting program,” said Tim Pearson, Ph.D., director of the Georgia Southern School of Accountancy. “This continues the tradition as the program has been highly rated by eight various rating groups since 2016. We are highly regarded and recognized for the quality and affordability of our program.”

According to Onlinemasters.com, which ranks programs based on academic quality, student success and affordability, the fully online WebMAcc program offers students access to courses and preparation for life as an accountant with little disruption to their personal and work lives.

The Bureau of Labor Statistics reports a need for accountants and auditors is on the rise, and that employment opportunities are expected to grow 10 percent from 2016 to 2026. Georgia Southern’s College of Business is preparing students for this through courses such as financial reporting, current legal issues and taxation, among others, while also teaching valuable skills to help students innovate and develop new methods for driving financial success and managing financial data.

The Georgia Southern WebMAcc is a two-year program that requires students to take two classes during the spring and fall semesters and one class during the summer for six consecutive semesters. Each student is part of a cohort that works to complete the program together. The spring application deadline is Nov. 15. To learn more, visit GeorgiaSouthern.edu/business/soa/webmacc/.

The Georgia Southern University College of Business is AACSB accredited, while its School of Accountancy holds a separate accreditation from AACSB – a distinction held by only 180 accounting programs worldwide. The WebMAcc program is designed to mirror the rigor and quality of the traditional MAcc program with classes taught by the same faculty who teach in the on-campus program.

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