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Piano in the Arts continues fifth season with 'Baroque, Romantic, Contemporary'

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Pianist Daniel Schene has long been known as a consummate artist and a superlative teacher. Schene will perform "Baroque, Romantic, Contemporary" as a part of Georgia Southern University's Piano in the Arts concert series at the Fine Arts Hall on the Armstrong Campus in Savannah on Thursday, Jan. 24, at 7:30 p.m.

"Daniel Schene will primarily perform classical composers like Chopin and Bach, and with his unique approach to these well-known pieces, we will rediscover these masterpieces," said Ben Warsaw, Ph.D., assistant professor of piano and director of the Piano in the Arts series. "His sound and technique are astounding — he truly is a master teacher and performer of the piano."



Daniel Schene

Schene has performed throughout the United States, Canada, South America and Asia. Concertgoers have come to admire his comprehensive musicianship and formidable technique.

After his debut at age 15 with the Charlotte Symphony, Schene studied at the North Carolina School of the Arts with and subsequently at the Indiana University Jacobs School of Music. While at the University, he received the prestigious Joseph Battista Memorial Scholarship. Thereafter, he continued his studies at the Eastman School of Music.

Piano in the Arts is dedicated to showcasing the versatility of the piano through producing a series of unique concerts that incorporate many genres of music. Ranging from classical and jazz to the American Songbook, Piano in the Arts is devoted to providing world-class concert performances as well as learning opportunities for students outside of the traditional classroom. In addition to performing concerts, some of the pianists and guest artists also instruct a master class, all of which are free and open to the public.

Tickets are \$15 for general admission, and Georgia Southern students, faculty and staff are free. For more information, visit georgiasouthern.edu/armstrongtickets.

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Kyle Marrero Named President of Georgia Southern University

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Dr. Kyle Marrero

ATLANTA (University System of Georgia) – The Board of Regents today named Dr. Kyle Marrero president of Georgia Southern University. Marrero will begin his new position effective April 1.

“Dr. Marrero is the right person to lead Georgia Southern University as it continues to expand its footprint in Southeast Georgia,” said University System of Georgia (USG) Chancellor Steve Wrigley. “Kyle’s higher education experience, combined with his focus on strengthening academics and building community partnerships, will be an asset to Georgia Southern’s campus community and the region as a whole. On behalf of the Board of Regents and USG, I’m excited to welcome Kyle in his new role.

“At the same time that we welcome Kyle, we must also bid farewell to Interim President Shelley Nickel. She’s worked tirelessly on behalf of Georgia Southern’s students, faculty, alumni and staff. I’m grateful for her service to USG and proud to call her a friend.”

Marrero currently serves as president of the University of West Georgia (UWG), a position he’s held since 2013.

“Georgia Southern University is an incredible institution and I am honored to be chosen as its 14th president,” said Marrero. “The future is full of great promise for Georgia Southern and I am looking forward to working alongside the Eagle Nation – the great students, the distinguished faculty and staff and the passionate alumni and communities – as we soar to new heights across the region, the state and beyond.”

A national search for the next president of UWG will be launched at a later date.

About President Marrero

Under Marrero’s leadership, UWG has achieved records in enrollment, graduation rates, degrees conferred, fundraising and annual economic impact to the region. He has also worked to develop new student-centered partnerships within regional education and business communities. With the implementation of the Engage West! initiative, UWG won the 2015 national award for Innovation and Excellence, in the category of Leadership Development and Diversity, from the American Association of State Colleges and Universities. Also in 2015, the Chancellor’s Service Excellence Awards selected UWG as Institution of the Year and Marrero as President of the Year. Marrero founded the Carrollton/Carroll County Education Collaborative, focused on K-16 student success. The program is now a state model. He is currently serving as chairman of the steering committee for USG’s Comprehensive Administrative Review in its efforts to assess administrative support service and functions systemwide.

Prior to his appointment at UWG, Marrero served as vice president for university advancement at the University of West Florida, overseeing the university’s integrated marketing communications efforts, fundraising, development and alumni relations’ activities. Marrero’s background in the arts has taken him to 10 foreign countries as an artistic ambassador for the United States Embassies and 40 states as a singer and stage director. He holds bachelor’s and master’s degrees in vocal performance from Bowling Green State University and a Doctor of Musical Arts degree from the University of Michigan. He and his wife, Dr. Jane Redding, have been married for 23 years and have an 8-year-old daughter, Lily.

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Registration open for Georgia Southern's study abroad program in Cuba

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Georgia Southern University will offer its second study abroad program in Havana, Cuba, from July 2 to 17. Students will learn about the history, culture and contemporary issues affecting the communist island nation post-Fidel Castro. The program is open to all Georgia Southern students, as well as University System of Georgia transient students, and offers a roster of semester credits.

"Students will be exposed to an array of cultural activities and study excursions designed to encourage direct interaction with the Cuban people," noted Ned Rinalducci, Ph.D., associate professor of sociology and Cuba study abroad program director. "Cuba is in the midst of dramatic change and offers a compelling place to study."

Classes will be held at the Instituto de Filosofía de Cuba, a higher-education facility that is affiliated with The Academy of Sciences of Cuba, an official institution of the state. Located in Havana's residential neighborhood Vedado, which was founded in 1859 and is notable for its strong Spanish, Moorish and French architectural influences, the institute is a short walk from the city's 5-mile seawall, the Malecón. The U.S. embassy is also within close proximity.

Cuba's rich heritage, rooted in Latin America, Europe and Africa, will be explored, in relation to the island's cultural, economic and political structures. As well, students will discuss the country's pre and post-revolutionary history, education and health care systems, and diverse ecosystems.

Courses will include "Study Abroad: Cuba" and "Comparative Societies, Politics & Institutions: Cuba."

Havana, located on the northern coast of the Hispanic Caribbean island, approximately 90 miles south of the Florida Keys, celebrates its 500th anniversary this year.

The deadline to apply for the Cuba study abroad program is Feb. 15. For more information, visit GeorgiaSouthern.edu/studyabroad.



Georgia Southern's Office of International Programs & Services provides study abroad and exchange programming for students, offers professional development and service activities for faculty and staff and hosts programs and events to promote international awareness and an appreciation of global culture. The department's educational activities extend beyond the scope of the University to support global learning, business and economic development in Southeast Georgia.

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