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# Georgia Southern Opera presents a Trick and a Treat

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The Georgia Southern Opera presents "Opera Breve VII: Trick AND Treat!" This year's double bill is the Opera's seventh annual installment of the popular "Opera Breve" series and is comprised of two American one-act operas, Gian Carlo Menotti's "The Medium" and William Bolcom's "Lucrezia." Performances will take place on Friday, Oct. 16, at 7:30 p.m., and Sunday, Oct. 18, at 3 p.m., in the Emma Kelly Theatre at the Averitt Center for the Arts, 33 E. Main Street. Admission to the event is free.

Just in time for the Halloween season, "The Medium" is guaranteed to give you chills. Madame

Flora, a charlatan fortune-teller, experiences something unexplainable and horrifying during a séance. Her subsequent descent into delirium and madness ends in unspeakable tragedy.

Written in 2008, "Lucrezia" is a relatively new and unknown work and a rare treat for opera audiences. It was favorably reviewed in The New York Times and was mentioned for its "eclectic score featuring tango, bullfighting music, a Straussian waltz and jazz."

"'The Medium' has become a popular classic in American opera, and 'Lucrezia' is guaranteed to do the same. I have never laughed so hard as I did when I listened to 'Lucrezia' for the first time," said director Arikka Gregory, D.M.A., assistant professor of voice. Gregory promises a night you won't forget.

With free performances both the day before and the day after the homecoming football game on Saturday, Oct. 17, the opera is a great opportunity for students, parents, and alumni to discover some of the University's great cultural events.

The College of Liberal Arts and Social Sciences (CLASS) is the largest of the eight colleges that make up Georgia Southern University, and it plays a central role in every student's core of knowledge. CLASS, also described as the University's College of the Creative Mind, prepares students to achieve academic excellence, develop their analytical skills, enhance their creativity and embrace their

responsibilities as citizens of their communities, their nations and the world. CLASS offers more than 20 undergraduate degrees and several interdisciplinary minors from its 11 departments and five academic centers. CLASS offers eight master's degrees, two graduate certificates and one doctoral degree. For more information, visit [class.georgiasouthern.edu](http://class.georgiasouthern.edu)

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## Georgia Southern University Business Innovation Group receives Excellence in Economic Development Awards

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Georgia Southern University Business Innovation Group (BIG) has received a Gold Excellence in Economic Development Award from the International Economic Development Council (IEDC) for its 2015 project in entrepreneurship for communities with populations of 25,000 – 200,000.

The honor was presented at an awards ceremony on Monday, Oct. 5, during the 2015 IEDC Annual Conference in Anchorage, Alaska.

Through the launch of Georgia's Enterprise Network for Innovation and Entrepreneurship

(GENIE), a platform for a virtual incubator program, BIG received nearly \$300,000 in a grant awarded by the U.S. Community Adjustment and Investment Program (CAIP). GENIE offers services to entrepreneurs located in five eligible counties (Jeff Davis, Jefferson, Lincoln, Telfair and Wilkes) at no cost to the individual, and the CAIP grant allowed the University to offer the services of the virtual incubator to any entrepreneur located in those five counties free of charge. Since its inception in May 2012, GENIE advisors have connected with more than 40 businesses and are currently

providing services to 23 businesses. In addition, more than 85 University students have assisted incubator clients by administering customer satisfaction surveys, developing employee handbooks, outlining a marketing assistance plan and conducting basic market research. This hard work allowed BIG to win the highest award in the entrepreneurship category.

“Though we are very humbled and honored to receive such a prestigious award, this recognition simply highlights the strides we are making to help advance entrepreneurship throughout our great state,” said Dominique Halaby, D.P.A., director of BIG.

In addition to receiving the Gold Award for Entrepreneurship, the Georgia Southern University City Campus was recognized with a Bronze Excellence in Economic Development Award by the IEDC for its 2015 project in real estate redevelopment and reuse for communities with populations of 25,000 – 200,000, also at the Anchorage conference. Having secured more than \$3 million in public and private support and an additional \$1.1 million grant from the Economic Development Administration, the City of Statesboro, Downtown Statesboro Development Authority and the University are renovating an additional 10,000-square-foot space for a Fabrication Laboratory (FabLab) and Innovation Incubator. Once completed, there will be office space for 20 new businesses, creation space for eight artists, and a cutting-edge maker space.

“The City Campus is quickly becoming a model in redevelopment,” said Halaby. “Our partnerships with the City of Statesboro, Downtown Statesboro Development Authority, Bulloch County Development Authority, and others, are truly what make this initiative work.”

“From localized community projects to large scale endeavors, economic development efforts have played a vital role in the global economy,” said JoAnn Crary, CEcD, chair of the International Economic Development Council and president of Saginaw Future Inc. “As we address new and longstanding challenges, these efforts continue to take on even greater importance. The award serves as a salute to pace-setting organizations like the Georgia Southern University Business Innovation Group for leading the charge.”

Recipients of IEDC’s Excellence in Economic Development Awards demonstrate to an experienced panel of judges that they are at the forefront of the economic development profession. They are recognized as the world’s best economic development programs and partnerships, marketing materials and the year’s most influential leaders. These awards honor organizations and individuals for their efforts in creating positive change in urban, suburban and rural communities.

About the International Economic Development Council

The [International Economic Development Council](#) (IEDC) is a nonprofit membership organization serving economic developers. With more than 4,600 members, IEDC is the largest organization of its

kind. Economic developers promote economic well-being and quality of life for their communities, by creating, retaining and expanding jobs that facilitate growth, enhance wealth and provide a stable tax base. From public to private, rural to urban, and local to international, IEDC's members are engaged in the full range of economic development experience. Given the breadth of economic development work, our members are employed in a wide variety of settings including local, state, provincial and federal governments, public private partnerships, chambers of commerce, universities and a variety of other institutions. When we succeed, our members create high-quality jobs, develop vibrant communities, and improve the quality of life in their regions. Visit [iedconline.org](http://iedconline.org).

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## **Georgia Southern is ready for Homecoming: Viva Las Southern, Oct. 12-17**

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On Monday, Oct. 12, Georgia Southern University kicks off a Homecoming week full of festivities and activities centered around the theme "Viva Las Southern," a Las Vegas-style celebration.

Throughout the week, student organizations can win "spirit points" toward their royalty candidates for actively participating in homecoming activities. Members of the community are invited to attend the annual

homecoming parade at 4 p.m. and the announcement of the 2015 Homecoming Court at 5 p.m. on Friday, Oct. 16.

Homecoming week will conclude as students, alumni and the community cheer on the Eagles as they play New Mexico State on Saturday, Oct. 17, at 6 p.m. Tickets for the game are available for purchase at [GSEagles.com/tickets](http://GSEagles.com/tickets) or by calling 1-800-GSU-WINS.

For more information on the week's events, visit [GeorgiaSouthern.edu/Homecoming](http://GeorgiaSouthern.edu/Homecoming).

## **2015 Homecoming Highlights**

### **Monday-Thursday**

- T-shirt swap, Fielding D. Russell Union Rotunda, 11 a.m.
- Pennies for Eagles, presented by Fraternity and Sorority Life, Fielding D. Russell Union Rotunda, 11 a.m. to 2 p.m.

### **Monday, Oct. 12**

- Georgia Southern University Idol, presented by Student Government Association (SGA), Fielding D. Russell Union Ballroom, 7 p.m. Tickets are \$5 in advance and \$7 at the door
- Banner and Paint the Campus Blue competitions, throughout campus, all day

### **Tuesday, Oct. 13**

- Sculpt-It for the Food Bank, Fielding D. Russell Union Commons, 11 a.m. to 2 p.m.
- Comedian Tony Rock, W.S. Hanner Fieldhouse, 7 p.m. Free entry with Eagle I.D.

### **Wednesday, Oct. 14**

- Doo-Dah Dance and Step Show, W.S. Hanner Fieldhouse, 7 p.m. Tickets are \$1 and all proceeds benefit Eagles for Eagles

### **Thursday, Oct. 15**

- True Blue BBQ and Tailgate Competition, presented by the Office of Student Activities, Fielding D. Russell Union Rotunda, 11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.
- Screaming Eagles Competition, presented by University Housing, Fielding D. Russell Union Ballroom, 6 p.m.

### **Friday, Oct. 16**

- Homecoming Parade, Sweetheart Circle, 4 p.m.
- Announcement of the 2015 Homecoming Court, Sweetheart Circle, 5 p.m.

### **Saturday, Oct. 17**

- True Blue 5K/10K, Bruce and Kathryn Grube Recreation Activity Center, 7:30 a.m.
- Football game vs. New Mexico State, Allen E. Paulson Stadium, 6 p.m.
- Crowning of Homecoming King and Queen, Allen E. Paulson Stadium, halftime

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