The Belhaven University arts calendar for Fall 2015 has something for every taste, that offers a wide range of quality productions, concerts, and exhibitions. Knowing that attending performances can be expensive, especially for families, we will continue to offer complimentary tickets to many arts events. Please look at the programs in this issue of Arts Ablaze, decide what you would like to see, mark it on your calendar, and call the box office to reserve your seat. You can also find updates and additional performance information at http://arts.belhaven.edu/schedule.htm. Whether in the Visual Art Gallery, the Dance Theatre, the Concert Hall, the Recital Room or the Blackbox Theatre, a rich and diverse arts season awaits you. Don’t miss these wonderful opportunities to engage your imagination and nurture your spirit.

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SEPTEMBER 8
PRESTON CHAMBER MUSIC SERIES
AN EVENING OF DIAMONDS I BELHAVEN PIANO QUARTET
TUESDAY, 7:30 PM, CONCERT HALL
Early Mendelssohn Opus 1 and mature Brahms Opus 60 display the full range of beauty and excitement in the romantic piano quartet repertoire. Belhaven Music Faculty performers include Mr. Song Xie, violin; Mrs. Liz Taylor Burgess, viola; Mrs. Nancy Bateman, cello; and Dr. Stephen Sachs, piano.
Complimentary admission. Doors open at 7 pm.

SEPTEMBER 15
GUEST ARTIST VOICE & PIANO RECITAL: DR. KATE RAWLS & MEI-EN CHOU
TUESDAY, 7:30 PM, CONCERT HALL
The vocal and piano duo, Dr. Kate Rawls and Mei-En Chou, hail from Louisiana College in Pineville, LA. Tonight they will be gracing the Concert Hall stage as part of their summer tour.
Complimentary admission. Doors open at 7 pm.

SEPTEMBER 17
MINE EYES HAVE SEEN: PLACE & SOUTHERN WRITERS
THURSDAY, 12:30–2:00 PM
STUDENT CENTER, THEATER
FACULTY LECTURE SERIES
Novelist Howard Bahr and poet Randy Smith talk about the relationship between Southern writers and Southern landscapes. The presentation will include visual illustrations of Southern geographies, both urban and rural. Each writer also will read relevant selections from their own works and discuss the complex task writers face when they attempt to “see” actual landscapes and create fictional landscapes.
Complimentary admission. Open to the public.

SEPTEMBER 19
BELHAVEN ALUMNI INVITATIONAL EXHIBITION
SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 19, 2:00–4:00 PM
BITSY IRBY DANCE & VISUAL ARTS CENTER, GALLERY OPENING RECEPTION
An exhibition featuring the work of various Belhaven Art Alumni. Works will include paintings, drawings, sculpture, photography, and mixed media.
Complimentary admission.

ARTS ABLAZE 2015
**SEPTMBER 19**
**COMMUNITY DANCE CONCERT**
**SATURDAY, 7:30 PM, CONCERT HALL**
Members of Belhaven University dance faculty, students, DOXA and alumni join together with other local dance artists to offer an inspiring and lively evening of dance. General admission $10, seniors & students $5. Complimentary admission for Belhaven students, faculty, staff and their immediate families. Doors open at 7 pm.

**SEPTEMBER 30**
**TO OCTOBER 3**
**DOUBT**
**BY JOHN PATRICK SHANLEY**
**DIRECTED BY JOSEPH FROST**
**WEDNESDAY—SATURDAY, 7:30 PM**
**SATURDAY MATINEE, 2 PM**, **BLACKBOX THEATRE**
"What do you do when you’re not sure?"
This line opens the 2005 Pulitzer prize winning play by John Patrick Shanley. When Sister Aloysius, the strict principal of a Catholic elementary school suspects Father Flynn, the parish priest of molesting the school’s only African American student, she is determined to have Father Flynn removed from the school at all costs. As investigations are made into the accusations, doubts swirl, emotions reach a fever-pitch, and questions remain unanswered. In this stirring drama, Shanley invites us to ask ourselves, “What do you do when you’re not sure?”

**OCTOBER 17**
**ALUMNI COLLABORATIVE PIANO RECITAL**
**NICOLE HARWELL**
**SATURDAY, 7:30 PM, CONCERT HALL**
After studying with Dr. Sachs and earning a Music degree with an emphasis in Collaborative Piano at BU, Nicole Harwell returns to perform together with violinist Alex McKamie, as the COMPASS DUO. Nicole has earned her Master of Music degree at the University of Northern Colorado, performed across the US and in Peru, taught as an adjunct faculty member and in her own private studio, and accompanied choirs, operas, musicals, and soloists. Tonight the Compass Duo will present works by Beethoven, Grieg, and Prokofiev. Complimentary admission. Doors open at 7 pm.

**OCTOBER 29–31**
**GHOST STORIES**
**OF MISSISSIPPI**
**WRITTEN BY JOSEPH FROST**
**DIRECTED BY ELISSA SARTWELL**
**THURSDAY—SATURDAY, 7:30 PM**
**GILLESPIE COMMONS**
Take a walk through Mississippi’s ghostly history. Stories of intrigue and mystery will be shared as a talented cast of ghostly guides lead you through each chilling tale. General admission $10, seniors & students $5. Complimentary admission for Belhaven students, faculty, staff and their immediate families.

**NOVEMBER 6, 7, 13, 14**
**FALL DANCE CONCERT**
**FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 6, 7:30 PM**
**SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 7, 2 PM & 7:30 PM**
**FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 13, 7:30 PM**
**SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 14, 7:30 PM**
**BITSY IRBY VISUAL ARTS AND DANCE CENTER STUDIO THEATRE**
A showcase of choreography by dance faculty and guest artists, presented by the Belhaven University Dance Ensemble and members of DOXA. Styles include classical and contemporary ballet and contemporary modern. General admission $10, seniors & students $5. Complimentary admission for Belhaven students, faculty, staff and their immediate families. Doors open 30 minutes prior to each concert.

**NOVEMBER 6–7, 11–14**
**SHREK, THE MUSICAL**
**BOOK AND LYRICS BY DAVID LINDSAY-ABAIRE**
**MUSIC BY JEANINE TESORI**
**DIRECTED BY DR. DAVID SOLLISH**
**FRIDAY—SATURDAY, 7:30 PM**
**WEDNESDAY—FRIDAY, 7:30 PM**
**SATURDAY MATINEE, NOVEMBER 7 & 14, 2 PM**, **BLACKBOX THEATRE**
“Once upon a time, there was a little ogre named Shrek.” And thus begins the tale of an unlikely hero who finds himself on a life-changing journey alongside a wisecracking donkey and a feisty princess. Throw in a short-tempered bad guy, a cookie with an attitude, and over a dozen other fairy tale misfits, and you’ve got the kind of mess that calls for a real hero. Luckily, there’s one on-hand…and his name is Shrek! Based on the Oscar-winning DreamWorks Animation film, SHREK THE MUSICAL brings all the beloved characters you know from the film to life on stage and proves there’s more to the story than meets the ear...

**General admission $10, seniors & students $5. Complimentary admission for Belhaven students, faculty, staff and their immediate families. Doors open 30 minutes prior to each performance.**

**NOVEMBER 10**
**STUDENT COMPOSERS CONCERT XV**
**TUESDAY, 7:30 PM, RECITAL ROOM**
The Belhaven Composers Forum invites you to an interactive showcase of engaging new works by Belhaven student composers. The program will feature works of traditional composers and move to the always exciting contemporary avenue and perform some of the newest music in the small ensemble repertoire.

You will hear everything from Baroque to Twentieth century music, in short, IT’S GONNA BE FUN! Complimentary admission. Doors open at 7 pm.

**NOVEMBER 13**
**INSTRUMENTAL ARTS CONCERT**
**FRIDAY, 7:30 PM, CONCERT HALL**
Come and experience the new and unique timbres of the Woodwind and Brass ensembles as they revisit the works of traditional composers and move to the always exciting contemporary avenue and perform some of the newest music in the small ensemble repertoire.

The Graphic Design Department will once again showcase the work of our students in a juried exhibition in January of 2016. We look forward to sharing our work as we prepare students for their journey into the world of graphic design.

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NOVEMBER 22
CHORAL & VOCAL ARTS
CONCERT OF THE PEOPLE
AND BY THE PEOPLE:
SACRED CHORAL
AND VOCAL MUSIC
BY AMERICAN COMPOSERS
SUNDAY, 7:00 PM,
COVENANT PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH,
4000 RIDGEWOOD ROAD
What do names like Dan Forrest, Daniel Gawthrop, Robert Ray, Moses Hogan, John Leavitt, Dan Miller, and Leonard Bernstein have in common? They are all American composers of sacred choral and vocal music. Join us for an inspiring evening of worshipful choral and vocal offerings American-style! Along with student solo offerings, Dr. Christopher Shelt and Mr. Christopher Phillips conduct performances by the Belhaven Concert Choir and the Belhaven Chorale. Complimentary admission. Doors open at 6:30 pm.

NOVEMBER 23
BEST OF BELHAVEN I
MONDAY, 7:30 PM, CONCERT HALL
The Music Department presents the most outstanding student performances of the semester in one concert. Musical variety and excellence are the gifts from our student performers to you. Complimentary admission. Doors open at 7 pm.

DECEMBER 4–5
THE 83RD ANNUAL
SINGING CHRISTMAS TREE
FRIDAY & SATURDAY, 7:30 PM, SOCCER BOWL
Voices! Carols! Lights! The Belhaven University Singing Christmas Tree is the oldest outdoor singing Christmas tree tradition in America. Dr. Christopher Shelt conducts the singing forces made up of the 70 Belhaven Choral Arts singers along with 60 additional students, faculty, and staff. That is 130 voices joining forces to wish you and your family a Merry Christmas! Complimentary admission.

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The December 2015 publication of Arts Ablaze will provide details for the arts events listed below.

JANUARY 16–23
GRAPHIC DESIGN DEPARTMENT
STUDENT SHOW
OPENING RECEPTION SATURDAY,
JANUARY 16, 2:00–4:00 PM
EXHIBITED MONDAY—FRIDAY,
10:00–6:00 PM OR BY APPT.
BITSY IRBY VISUAL ARTS AND
DANCE CENTER, ART GALLERY

JANUARY 18
PRESTON CHAMBER MUSIC SERIES
AN EVENING OF DIAMONDS II
PIANO TRIO
MONDAY, 7:30 PM, CONCERT HALL

JANUARY 22
“DANCIN’ STYLES”
EVENING OF SOCIAL DANCE
FRIDAY, 6:30 PM, DANCE FOR KIDS,
& 7–10 PM, INSTRUCTION & DANCE
BITSY IRBY VISUAL ARTS AND
DANCE CENTER STUDIO THEATER

JANUARY 30
MFA CONCERT
SATURDAY, 11 AM & 4 PM
BITSY IRBY VISUAL ARTS AND
DANCE CENTER STUDIO THEATER

FEBRUARY 4–6
‘NIGHT, MOTHER
BY MARSHA NORMAN
DIRECTED BY ELISSA SARTWELL
THURSDAY—SATURDAY, LOCATION TBA

FEBRUARY 5–6
THE FROG PRINCE
A FAMILY OPERA
FRIDAY, 7:30 PM, SATURDAY,
9:30 AM & 11:30 AM, CONCERT HALL

FEBRUARY 12–13
DANCE MINISTRY ENSEMBLE
FRIDAY & SATURDAY, 7:30 PM
BITSY IRBY VISUAL ARTS AND
DANCE CENTER STUDIO THEATRE

FEBRUARY 15
30TH ANNUAL AGO
ORGAN-CHORAL FESTIVAL
WITH BELHAVEN CHOIRS
TUESDAY, 7:00 PM
FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, JACKSON

FEBRUARY 18–19
BA ORAL PRESENTATIONS
THURSDAY—FRIDAY, 6:30 PM
BITSY IRBY VISUAL ARTS AND
DANCE CENTER STUDIO THEATRE

IN this first edition of Arts Ablaze 2015-2016 you can find the details of all the fine arts events at Belhaven. I hope you will read it, mark your calendars, and come regularly to Belhaven for great music and other arts events. This academic year, many of our recent Music graduates continue their graduate study at Julliard, Rice, Roosevelt, and the University of Southern Mississippi. Some of these and others will return to present alumni recitals. And there are more talented, dedicated Music students enrolled this year at Belhaven. God-honoring excellence is our goal in Music and all of the Arts at Belhaven as we serve our Lord Jesus by sharing His gifts with you. “Soli Deo Gloria.”

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FEBRUARY 20
SACHS SOLO/DUO PIANO RECITAL
SATURDAY, 7:30 PM, CONCERT HALL

FEBRUARY 24–27
DOCTOR FAUSTUS
BY CHRISTOPHER MARLOWE
DIRECTED BY JOSEPH FROST
WEDNESDAY—SATURDAY, 7:30 PM
SATURDAY MATINEE, 2 PM,
BLACKBOX THEATRE

FEBRUARY 27
FACULTY COMPOSITION RECITAL
DR. ANDREW SAUERWEIN
SATURDAY, 7:30 PM, CONCERT HALL

MARCH 1
FACULTY VOICE RECITAL
DR. CHRISTOPHER SHELT,
BARITONE — WINTERREISE:
WINTER JOURNEY INTO DESPAIR
BY FRANZ SCHUBERT
TUESDAY, 7:30 PM, CONCERT HALL

MARCH 3
BEST OF BELHAVEN II
THURSDAY, 7:30 PM, CONCERT HALL

APRIL 2
STUDENT INVITATIONAL
ART EXHIBITION
OPENING RECEPTION SATURDAY,
APRIL 2, 2:00–4:00 PM
EXHIBITED MONDAY—FRIDAY,
10:00–6:00 PM OR BY APPT.
BITSY IRBY VISUAL ARTS AND
DANCE CENTER, ART GALLERY
APRIL 7
A NIGHT OF PERCUSSION AND CLASSICAL GUITAR
THURSDAY, 7:30 PM, CONCERT HALL

APRIL 8–9, 15–16
SPRING DANCE CONCERT
BELHAVEN UNIVERSITY DANCE ENSEMBLE
BITSY IRBY VISUAL ARTS AND DANCE CENTER STUDIO THEATRE
FRIDAY, APRIL 8, 7:30 PM
SATURDAY, APRIL 9, 2:00 PM
MATINEE & 7:30 PM
FRIDAY, APRIL 15, 7:30 PM
SATURDAY, APRIL 16, 7:30 PM

APRIL 12
STUDENT COMPOSERS CONCERT XVI
TUESDAY, 7:30 PM, RECITAL ROOM

APRIL 13–16
LITTLE SHOP OF HORRORS
BOOK AND LYRICS BY HOWARD ASHMANN
MUSIC BY ALAN MENKEN
DIRECTED BY DR. DAVID SOLLISH
WEDNESDAY-SATURDAY, 7:30 PM
SATURDAY MATINEE, 2 PM,
BLACKBOX THEATRE

APRIL 15
STRINGS & ORCHESTRA CONCERT
FRIDAY, 7:30 PM, CONCERT HALL

APRIL 16
ALL-STATE STRINGS CONCERT
SATURDAY, 3 PM, CONCERT HALL

APRIL 22
INSTRUMENTAL ARTS CONCERT
FRIDAY, 7:30 PM, CONCERT HALL

APRIL 23
VOCAL & CHORAL ARTS CONCERT
DOUBLE TROUBLE: SACRED CHORAL AND VOCAL MUSIC
WITH TWO PIANISTS
SATURDAY, 7:30 PM, CONCERT HALL

APRIL 25
BEST OF BELHAVEN III
MONDAY, 7:30 PM, CONCERT HALL
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