“Every day that I came to teach I was surrounded by students who loved to laugh with each other and learn about music. I have never felt so pleased with a class and wish them the best as they continue to grow in their talents and pursue their goals.”

Brooke Edwards
Belhaven University Vocal Performance Graduate | CCS Fine Arts Music Instructor
Welcome

The Belhaven University arts calendar for 2014-2015 has something for every taste, and we want to inform you of the wide range of quality productions, concerts, and exhibitions that we are offering. 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. The arts are important. Don’t miss these wonderful opportunities to engage your imagination and nurture your spirit.

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AUGUST 23
THE 24-HOUR THEATRE THING
SATURDAY, 7:30 PM, BLACKBOX THEATRE
From Zero to Ten Minute Play in 24 Hours! Students gather on Friday and create an original piece of theatre in a single day; from idea to script to rehearsal to performance. Complimentary admission. Doors open at 7 pm.

AUGUST 30
GUEST ARTIST PIANO RECITAL
TIM DAIL
SATURDAY, 7:30 PM, CONCERT HALL
Complimentary admission. Doors open at 7 pm.

SEPTEMBER 4–OCTOBER 13
FACULTY ART EXHIBITION
BITSY IRBY VISUAL ARTS AND DANCE CENTER, GALLERY
OPENING RECEPTION THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 4, 5:00 PM–9:00 PM
The Visual Arts Department opens the year with an exhibition of works by full-time faculty members Bob Pennebaker, Nate Theisen, Gretchen Haien, and David West. Works on view include drawings, paintings, sculpture, photography, and prints in both traditional and contemporary visual languages. Complimentary admission.

SEPTEMBER 18
GALLERY CONCERT:
PASSAGES AND PLACES WITH MELISSA THORSON HAUSE
THURSDAY, 7:30 PM, BITSY IRBY VISUAL ARTS AND DANCE CENTER, GALLERY
In conjunction with the Visual Arts Faculty Exhibition, faculty member Melissa Thorson Hause performs original music for vocals and guitar. Dr. Thorson Hause is Associate Professor of Art History and Dean of the Honors College at Belhaven University; her folk- and Celtic-informed songs offer meditative, personal reflections on the mystery and mutability of human experience. Complimentary Admission. Doors open at 7 pm.
OCTOBER 1–4
THE GOD COMMITTEE
BY MARK ST. GERMAIN
DIRECTED BY JOSEPH FROST
WEDNESDAY-SATURDAY, 7:30 PM
SATURDAY MATINEE, 2 PM, BLACKBOX THEATRE
Medicine, Money and Morality clash when the Heart Transplant Selection Committee of St. Patrick’s hospital have only minutes to decide which of three patients will receive a heart that has suddenly come available. General Admission $10; Seniors/Students $5. Complimentary admission for Belhaven students as well as Belhaven Faculty/Staff and their immediate families. Doors open 30 minutes prior to each performance.

OCTOBER 11
GUEST ARTIST GUITAR CONCERT
KEVIN MANDERVILLE
SATURDAY, 7:30 PM, CONCERT HALL
An internationally acclaimed guitarist comes to Jackson! Currently from Alabama, Kevin Manderville has won several first prizes in international classical guitar competitions. A Florida State University graduate, Manderville will perform works by Fernando Sor and David Kellner, along with modern Latin repertoire by composers Leo Brouwer and Ernesto Cordero. Manderville, who has studied with the most prominent musicians of the guitar world, will leave you with a deep appreciation and wonder for the exquisite music that pours forth from his classical guitar. Complimentary admission. Doors open at 7 pm.

OCTOBER 18
COMMUNITY DANCE CONCERT
SATURDAY, 7:30 PM, CONCERT HALL
Members of Belhaven University dance faculty, students 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 Faculty/Staff and students and immediate families. Doors open at 7 pm.

OCTOBER 18–NOVEMBER 28
GUEST ARTIST EXHIBITION:
PHOTOGRAPHY BY JEREMIAH ARIAZ
BITSY IRBY VISUAL ARTS AND DANCE CENTER, GALLERY
OPENING RECEPTION SATURDAY, OCTOBER 18, 2:00 PM-4:00 PM
The Visual Arts Department is proud to host this exhibition of works by Jeremiah Ariaz, Associate Professor of Photography at Louisiana State University in Baton Rouge. Mr. Ariaz received his BFA from the Kansas City Art Institute and his MFA from the State University of New York at Buffalo. His art explores the tension between nature and the consequence of Manifest Destiny’s impulse to dominate the land. Complimentary admission.
NOVEMBER 1
PRESTON CHAMBER MUSIC SERIES
AN EVENING OF DIAMONDS I
CLAUDE BOLLING EXTRAVAGANZA
SATURDAY, 7:30 PM, CONCERT HALL
Jazz meets classical as Belhaven music faculty feature selections from Bolling’s famous suites and sonatas for jazz piano trio and classical soloists. Dr. Stephen Sachs, piano, Richard Brown, bassist and Owen Rockwell, set percussionist form the trio. Soloists include Sybil Cheesman, flute, Nancy Bateman, cello, Lloyd Turner, trumpet, and Carolyn Sachs, piano. Complimentary admission. Doors open at 7pm.

NOVEMBER 7, 8, 13, 14, 15
FALL DANCE CONCERT
FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 7, 7:30 PM
SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 8, 2 PM AND 7:30 PM
THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 13, 11:00 AM
FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 14, 7:30 PM
SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 15, 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. Styles include classical and contemporary ballet and contemporary modern. General Admission $10, Seniors/Students $5. Complimentary admission for Belhaven Faculty/Staff/Students and immediate families. Doors open 30 minutes prior to each concert.

NOVEMBER 11
STUDENT COMPOSERS CONCERT XIII
TUESDAY, 7:30 PM, CONCERT HALL
The Belhaven Composers Forum invites you to an interactive showcase of engaging new works by Belhaven student composers. The program will explore new ways to experience the adventure of music-making as the composers and performers open windows into their creative worlds. Complimentary admission. Doors open at 7 pm.

Ticket Information
For tickets please call the appropriate box office listed below.

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Venue Addresses

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835 Riverside Drive
Jackson, MS
Concert Hall
Recital Room
Blackbox Theatre
Theatre 151

BELHAVEN UNIVERSITY CAMPUS
1500 Peachtree Street
Jackson, MS
Bitsy Irby Visual Arts & Dance Center
Barber Auditorium
Soccer Bowl
Triplett Student Center

Business casual dress is encouraged at Belhaven University Arts events
NOVEMBER 12–15
TARTUFFE BY MOLIERE
TRANSLATED BY RICHARD WILBUR
DIRECTED BY JOHN MAXWELL
WEDNESDAY-SATURDAY, 7:30 PM
SATURDAY MATINEE, 2 PM, BLACKBOX THEATRE
The Belhaven Theatre Department is pleased to present the delightful comedy TARTUFFE by the French comedic master, Moliere. This richly funny play is presented in rhymed couplets in a translation by Richard Wilbur. As Jackson Matthews of New York Review of Books writes: “...Mr. Wilbur has given us, with great fidelity and charm, the nearest thing to Moliere that we have.”
General Admission $10; Seniors/Students $5. Complimentary admission for Belhaven students as well as Belhaven Faculty/Staff and their immediate families. Doors open 30 minutes prior to each performance.

NOVEMBER 14
BELHAVEN UNIVERSITY SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA CONCERT
FRIDAY, 7:30 PM, CONCERT HALL
The Belhaven University Symphony Orchestra will present Tchaikovsky’s magnificent Symphony No.5. A wealth of original themes, warm and colorful harmonies, and masterful construction combine to make this a world-wide favorite. You don’t want to miss this exciting and profound night of symphonic music.
Complimentary admission. Doors open at 7 pm.

NOVEMBER 18
INSTRUMENTAL ARTS CONCERT:
WIND ENSEMBLE, PERCUSSION ENSEMBLE, JAZZ ENSEMBLE AND JAZZ & CLASSICAL GUITAR ENSEMBLES
TUESDAY, 7:30 PM, CONCERT HALL
Come and experience a new and unique combination of chords and timbres as the Wind Ensemble moves to the contemporary avenue and performs some of the newer music in the wind band repertoire. With a variety of ensembles, a confluence of improvisational genres and styles delivers a unique musical flavor! This is a musical stew with all the ingredients including contemporary jazz, some original B.U. Blues and a side dish of some Gospel Music, jazzed up of course. In short, IT’S GONNA BE FUN!
Complimentary admission. Doors open at 7 pm.

During the 2014-2015 academic year, Belhaven theatre will present its 14th season of theatrical performances. Our students will tackle a wide range of styles and genres, from 17th-century French comedy to contemporary realism and musical theatre. We invite you to join us at the theatre for performances that will make you laugh, cry, and reflect upon God’s truth.

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NOVEMBER 20–21
DOXA DANCE CONCERT
THURSDAY & FRIDAY, 7:30 PM
BITSY IRBY VISUAL ARTS AND DANCE CENTER
STUDIO THEATRE
This event highlights emerging young creative artists’ choreography and performance which is produced by members of DOXA, the dance department’s student led organization.
General Admission $2. Complimentary admission for Belhaven Faculty/Staff/Students and immediate families. Doors open at 7 pm.

NOVEMBER 22
CHORAL/VOCAL ARTS CONCERT: GLORIA IN EXCELSIS! A CHRISTMAS CELEBRATION
SATURDAY, 7:30 PM, CONCERT HALL
Dr. Christopher Shelt, along with select student conductors, will direct the Belhaven Concert Choir, Belhaven Chorale, soloists, and instrumentalists performing Gloria by Antonio Vivaldi. This larger works will be adorned with a diverse offering of choral and solo vocal literature celebrating our Savior’s birth.
Complimentary admission. Doors open at 7:00 pm.

NOVEMBER 24
BEST OF BELHAVEN I
MONDAY, 7:30 PM, CONCERT HALL
The Music Department presents the most outstanding student performances of the semester on one concert. Musical variety and excellence are the gifts from our student performers to you.
Complimentary admission. Doors open at 7 pm.

DECEMBER 1
IMPROV JAM
MONDAY, 7:00 PM, BITSY IRBY VISUAL ARTS AND DANCE CENTER STUDIO THEATRE
Open to all artists! You are invited to share your talents during this spontaneous collaborative evening of dance, music, visual art and spoken word.

DECEMBER 5–6
THE 82nd ANNUAL SINGING CHRISTMAS TREE
FRIDAY & SATURDAY, 7:30 PM, SOCCER BOWL
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.
BELHAVEN ARTS ABLAZE
SPRING 2015
The December 2014 publication of Arts Ablaze will provide details for the arts events listed below.

JANUARY 17–FEBRUARY 7
GRAPHIC DESIGN DEPARTMENT STUDENT SHOW
SATURDAY, JANUARY 11, 2:00–4:00 PM
BITSY IRBY VISUAL ARTS AND DANCE CENTER ART GALLERY

JANUARY 15–18
URBAN DANCE FESTIVAL
BITSY IRBY VISUAL ARTS AND DANCE CENTER STUDIO THEATRE & HINDS COMMUNITY COLLEGE

JANUARY 23–24
A LITTLE OPERA FOR CHILDREN
FRIDAY, JANUARY 23, 7:30 PM
SATURDAY, JANUARY 24, 9:30 AM & 11:30 AM, CONCERT HALL

JANUARY 30
SOCK HOP
FRIDAY, 6:30–10:00 PM
BITSY IRBY VISUAL ARTS AND DANCE CENTER STUDIO THEATRE

FEBRUARY 10
PRESTON CHAMBER MUSIC SERIES
EVENING OF DIAMONDS II: MESSIAEN QUARTET
TUESDAY, 7:30 PM, CONCERT HALL

FEBRUARY 12–14
DANCE MINISTRY ENSEMBLE CONCERT
THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 12, 11:00 AM MATINEE FRIDAY & SATURDAY,
FEBRUARY 13 & 14, 7:30 PM
BITSY IRBY VISUAL ARTS AND DANCE CENTER STUDIO THEATRE

FEBRUARY 19–20
BA SENIOR ORAL PRESENTATIONS
THURSDAY & FRIDAY, 6:30 PM
BITSY IRBY VISUAL ARTS AND DANCE CENTER STUDIO THEATRE

FEBRUARY 24
BEST OF BELHAVEN II
TUESDAY, 7:30 PM, CONCERT HALL

FEBRUARY 25–28
SPRING MUSICAL
WEDNESDAY-SATURDAY, 7:30 PM
SATURDAY MATINEE, 2 PM, BLACKBOX THEATRE

During the 2014-2015 academic year, the Creative Writing Department offers its eleventh season of literary readings by professional and student writers. Please join us on Monday, October 6th, from 5:30-6:30pm in the Student Center Theatre as we welcome Tony Woodlief—novelist, essayist, and Image Update Artist of the Month—to the podium. In addition, a visiting poet will read and work with student writers during spring semester 2015. These writers join a list of distinguished writers who have read at Belhaven and led master writing workshops, including Elizabeth Spencer, Kent Haruf, Howard Bahr, Neil White, Beth Ann Fennelly, Richard Tillinghast, Darrell Bourque, Susan Ludvigson, Julie Kane, Paul Ruffin, Sandra Beasley, and Jack Bedell.

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February 28
Faculty Composition Recital
Dr. Andrew Sauerwein
Saturday, 7:30 PM, Concert Hall

February 25–28
BFA Senior Dance Concerts
Wednesday, February 25, 7:30 PM - Concert A
Thursday, February 26, 7:30 PM - Concert B
Friday, February 27, 7:30 PM - Concert A
Saturday, February 28, 7:30 PM - Concert B
Bitsy Irby Visual Arts and Dance Center Studio Theatre

March 3
Faculty Voice Recital - A Teacher With His Students III
Dr. Christopher Shelt
Tuesday, 7:30 PM, Concert Hall

March 26
Night of Percussion
Thursday, 7:30 PM, Concert Hall

March 27–28
Ellis Piano Duo Competition
Saturday, 9:30 AM–4 PM, Concert Hall
Sponsored by the National Federation of Music Clubs

April 17–18 & 24–25
Spring Dance Concert Belhaven University Dance Ensemble
Bitsy Irby Visual Arts and Dance Center Studio Theatre
Friday, April 17, 7:30 PM
Saturday, April 18, 2:00 PM Matinee & 7:30 PM
Thursday, April 23, 11:00 AM Matinee
Friday, April 24, 7:30 PM
Saturday, April 25, 7:30 PM

During the 2014-2015 Dance at Belhaven season, the Dance Department is delighted to offer a variety of concerts via our Belhaven University Dance Ensemble, Dance Ministry Ensemble and the Senior Dance Concert showcasing graduating senior dance majors. The Community Dance Concert involves Belhaven University artists as well as community wide dancers and artists. All of our events include original compositions created by our innovative dance faculty, seasoned guest artists, and students studying dance crafting. For this series, I invite you to experience diverse styles of classical and contemporary ballet and modern dance displaying an array of artistic expressions that will evoke your imagination and enrich your soul.

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April 11–May 16
Student Invitational Art Exhibition
Bitsy Irby Visual Arts and Dance Center, Gallery
Opening Reception Saturday, April 11, 2:00 PM–4:00 PM
This year’s fall edition of the 2014-2015 issue of Arts Ablaze is leaner. The spring edition will be printed before the start of 2015 so you can read the details of all the fine arts events at Belhaven. I hope you will receive and read both editions, mark your calendars, and come regularly to Belhaven for great music and other arts events. This fall alone, five of our recent Music graduates are starting graduate study at Julliard, Rice, Roosevelt and the University of Southern Mississippi. And there are more talented, dedicated Music students enrolled this year at Belhaven. 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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