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Welcome

The Belhaven University arts calendar for 2011-2012 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.

SPRING SEMESTER

JANUARY 20-21
OPERA ARTS
LITTLE OPERAS FOR CHILDREN: LITTLE RED RIDING HOOD & THE TOY SHOP
FRIDAY, 7:30 PM, THE TOY SHOP
SATURDAY, 9:30 AM, LITTLE RED RIDING HOOD, CONCERT HALL

SATURDAY, 11:00 AM, THE TOY SHOP
SATURDAY, 7:30 PM, LITTLE RED RIDING HOOD, CONCERT HALL

American Seymour Barab (b. 1921) received a Lifetime Achievement Award by the National Opera Association. Barab’s comic one-acts and those for young audiences include Little Red Riding Hood, which was the first American opera ever performed in China and The Toy Shop, first performed by the New York City Opera at the Kennedy Center in Washington, D.C. Kurt Vonnegut says: “Barab’s music is full of magic. He proved to an atheist that God exists.” Dr. Christopher Shelt and Belhaven Vocal Arts students present two clever one act Barab favorites. Saturday family matinees sponsored by Mississippi Opera. Complimentary admission.

DOORS OPEN 30 MINUTES BEFORE THE PERFORMANCE.

FEBRUARY 4
COLLABORATIVE ARTS CONCERT
SATURDAY, 7:30 PM, CONCERT HALL

Faculty and students from Belhaven Arts Departments will collaborate in an evening of innovative and exploratory arts. Complimentary admission. Doors open at 7:00 pm.
FEBRUARY 7
PRESTON CHAMBER MUSIC SERIES
AN EVENING OF DIAMONDS
BELHAVEN PIANO TRIO
TUESDAY, 7:30 PM, CONCERT HALL
Mississippi Symphony Orchestra principal cellist Mr. Bennett Randman joins faculty members Mr. Song Xie, violinist and Dr. Stephen Sachs, pianist in an inspiring evening of music making including the effervescent French Piano Trio No. 1 in F Major, Op. 18 by Camille Saint-Saëns and the delightful Piano Trio No. 4, Op. 11 by Ludwig van Beethoven.
Event tickets $10, Seniors $5, Students free with ID. Complimentary admission for Belhaven Faculty/Staff/Students and immediate families. Doors open at 7:00 pm.

FEBRUARY 9
MISSISSIPPI GUITAR FESTIVAL
THE GUITAR FACULTY CONCERT
PRESTON CHAMBER
THURSDAY, 7:30 PM, RECITAL ROOM
The Guitar Faculty Concert is a tradition of the Mississippi Guitar Festival, featuring guitar faculty from participating schools. Performers include Trevor Hunt (Pearl River Community College), Nicholas Ciraldo (University of Southern Mississippi), Michael Boyd (Jones County Junior College), John Ingwerson (Hinds Community College), Barry Hause (East Central Community College), Michael Yates (Holmes Community College), Mitch Brantley (Meridian Community College), and Amy Houghton (Belhaven University, Copiah-Lincoln Community College). Thanks to these professionals, The Mississippi Guitar Festival continues to grow every year, promoting the art of the classical guitar. The faculty concert concludes the first day of this Festival. Complimentary admission. Doors open at 7:00 pm.

FEBRUARY 10
PRESTON CHAMBER MUSIC SERIES
AN EVENING OF DIAMONDS
PABLO GARIBAY, GUEST ARTIST GUITAR RÉCITAL
FRIDAY, 7:30 PM, CONCERT HALL
This guest artist recital is a part of the 10th annual Mississippi Guitar Festival. The annual festival draws guitarists from across the state and nation. The festival features lectures, master classes, and student competition. Students have the opportunity to work with MS guitar faculty in lessons, and attend classes focusing on technique and repertoire. Concerts and competitions are open to the public. For more information, contact Belhaven Adjunct Guitar Instructor Amy Houghton (amyshoughton@gmail.com). Event tickets $10, Seniors $5, Students free with ID. Complimentary admission for Belhaven Faculty/Staff/Students and immediate families. Doors open at 7:00 pm.
FEBRUARY 11
FACULTY RECITAL
SYLVIA HONG WITH MICHAEL
RECTOR, DUO PIANISTS
SATURDAY, 2:00 PM, CONCERT HALL
Come hear Belhaven’s newest Music Faculty member in recital with Michael Rector. The Suite No. 2 for Two Pianos, Op. 17 by Sergei Rachmaninoff is the centerpiece of this dynamic program. Complimentary admission. Doors open at 7:00 pm.

FEBRUARY 11
STUDENT INVITATIONAL ART EXHIBITION
OPENING RECEPTION SATURDAY FROM 2-4:00PM
BITSY IRBY VISUAL ARTS AND DANCE CENTER, GALLERY
This annual exhibition of student works highlights a wide range of styles and media including drawing, painting, photography, sculpture, and mixed media. This exhibition is always one of our most festive and popular openings. Complimentary Admission.

FEBRUARY 16
JACKSON PUBLIC SCHOOLS ALL-CITY HONORS BAND
THURSDAY, 7:00 PM, CONCERT HALL
The Music Department is pleased to host the Jackson Public School’s finest middle school and high school instrumentalists selected to perform in the 2012 JPS All-City Honors Band. Complimentary admission. Doors open at 6:30 pm.

FEBRUARY 16-18
DANCE MINISTRY ENSEMBLE
FRIDAY AND SATURDAY, 7:30 PM,
11:00 AM MATINEE ON THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 16
VISUAL ARTS AND DANCE CENTER
An evening of dance presentation aimed to bring inspiration and encouragement to the soul.
General Admission $10, Seniors/Students $5. Complimentary Admission for Belhaven Faculty/Staff/Students. Doors open at 7:00 pm on February 17 and 18 and 10:30 am on February 16.

FEBRUARY 23-25, FEBRUARY 29-MARCH 3
THE MAYFAIR AFFAIR – A Farce Premiere Workshop Production
THURSDAY – SATURDAY, WEDNESDAY – SATURDAY, 7:30 PM, BLACKBOX THEATRE
This brand new work is the farcical story of John and Samantha Mayfair and their desperate attempt to sell their final financial asset – the Mayfair Diamond – at a weekend affair at their estate. But their guests’ schemes turn them all into potential thieves, even the Mayfairs themselves. Be one of the first audiences to enjoy this Premiere Workshop Production! Directed by faculty member John Maxwell. General Admission $10, Seniors/Students/Children $5. Complimentary admission for Belhaven Faculty/Staff/Students and immediate families. Doors open at 7:00 pm.
February 29, March 1-3
Senior Dance Concerts
Wednesday, Friday - Concert A
February 29, March 2 | 7:30 PM

Thursday, Saturday - Concert B
March 1, 3 | 7:30 PM
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open at 7:00 pm

March 1-3
Musical Theatre
Into the Woods
Thursday - Saturday, 7:30PM,
Plus an afternoon matinee on Saturday,
March 3, Concert Hall
What happened when the writing talents of James Lapine
combined with the genius of Stephen Sondheim? The
answer is the musical Into the Woods, an intertwining of
several of the Brothers Grimm fairy tales where everyone
gets what they wished for through, much through their own
actions. The results are disastrous. Do we really understand
that actions have consequences? Event tickets $10,
Seniors $5, Students free with ID. Complimentary admission for
Belhaven Faculty/Staff/Students and immediate families. Doors open 30
minutes before each show.

March 20
Faculty Recital
Dr. Stephen Sachs, Pianist
Tuesday, 7:30 PM, Concert Hall
An evening of romantic ballades by Frédéric Chopin
and Franz Liszt expresses the full range of emotions from
tenderness to triumph, darkness to breathtaking beauty.
Complimentary admission. Doors open at 7:00 pm.

March 23 & 24, 29-31
Spring Dance Concert
7:30 PM, Visual Arts and Dance Center,
Matinee 11:00 AM Thursday, March 29
A display of unique choreography by dance faculty and
guest artists, presented by the Belhaven University Dance
Ensemble. Styles for the evening include classical and
contemporary ballet, modern and cultural dance.
General Admission $10. Seniors/Students $5. Complimentary Admission
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MARCH 23
ORCHESTRAS & STRINGS CONCERT
FRIDAY, 7:30PM, CONCERT HALL
Come and enjoy a colorful and beautiful showcase of string orchestra and symphonic literature featuring our University’s outstanding instrumentalists performing in a variety of settings. Complimentary admission. Doors open at 7:00 pm.

MARCH 24
ALL-STATE STRING ORCHESTRA
SATURDAY, 3:00PM, CONCERT HALL
Mississippi’s best high school string students present the results of two intensive days of rehearsal and study. Complimentary admission. Doors open at 2:00 pm.

MARCH 29-31, APRIL 2-3
ELEEMOSYNAEY BY LEE BLESSING
THURSDAY – SATURDAY, MONDAY & TUESDAY, 7:30 PM, THEATRE 151**
A student directed presentation in our intimate Theatre 151 space. Eleemosynary tell the story of three generations of women and what it means to be a family.

**Theatre 151, located in the CFTA classroom 151, is the Theatre Department’s series of performances for the exploration of challenging topics and the discovery of inspiring and innovative material. General Admission $10. Seniors/Students/Children $5. Complimentary admission for Belhaven Faculty/Staff/Students and immediate families. Doors open at 7:00 pm.

MARCH 31
BELHAVEN UNIVERSITY AND JACKSON COMMUNITY SYMPHONIC BAND, JAZZ ENSEMBLE AND PERCUSSION ENSEMBLE CONCERT
SATURDAY, 7:30PM, CONCERT HALL
EXPERIENCE EXCITEMENT THROUGH SOUND as a full range of instrumental timbres, color, and energy flow under the baton of Dr. Paxton Girtmon and Mr. Paul Heindl. Complimentary admission. Doors open at 7:00 pm.

APRIL 9
FACULTY RECITAL
SYLVIA HONG, PIANIST
MONDAY, 7:30 PM, CONCERT HALL
Come hear Belhaven’s newest Music Faculty member in recital. The program features Beethoven’s magnificent Piano Concerto No. 3 in C Minor, Op. 37 plus additional solo repertoire that is sure to dazzle! Complimentary admission. Doors open at 7:00 pm.

During the 2011-2012 year, Belhaven Theatre is pleased to present its 11th season of theatrical performances; a diverse collection of works to inspire, challenge and uplift our community. We hope that you will join us in supporting our students as they seek to serve their community, their colleagues, and their Creator through the pursuit of excellence in their craft.

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APRIL 14
CHORAL AND VOCAL ARTS
THE BEAUTY OF BERNSTEIN
SATURDAY, 7:30 PM, CONCERT HALL
Fresh originality, an engaging beauty, a distinct signature
mark the vocal works of the legendary Leonard Bernstein.
Dr. Christopher Shelt leads the Concert Choir and
dancers from the Belhaven University Dance Department
in a performance of Bernstein’s Chichester Psalms, a
work setting biblical psalms in the original Hebrew. The
Chorale performs several French choruses from Bernstein’s
incidental music to The Lark. Select soloists and ensembles
will perform a collection of Bernstein Broadway favorites.
Combined soloists and ensembles will perform the finale
of Candide, “Make Our Garden Grow,” to close the night.
Complimentary admission. Doors open at 7:00 pm.

APRIL 16
BEST OF BELHAVEN II
MONDAY, 7:30 PM, CONCERT HALL
The Music Department presents the most outstanding
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 7:00 pm.

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