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Belhaven College Announces Spring 2004 Arts Schedule

JACKSON, Miss. (Jan. 13, 2004) – The Belhaven College division of the arts kicks off its spring 2004 arts schedule Jan. 20 with the annual faculty-student theme art exhibition, entitled “→P O P←.” Other highlights this semester include *Mozart by Candlelight* with the Mississippi Symphony, a master class and performance by “The Jewel,” Avner Eisenberg; and a special concert of the choral music of John Cheetham.

For ticket information about any of the events listed below, please call (601) 965-7026 or e-mail boxoffice@belhaven.edu. Tickets for most performances also are available through Family Christian Stores at Belhaven College and County Line Road and at Borders Books in Flowood.

Jan. 20 – Feb. 26 Faculty-Student Theme Art Exhibition: →P O P←

This annual event provides an antidote to the winter doldrums with an array of playful, profound and thought-provoking mixed media works by Belhaven visual arts faculty and students. This year’s theme, →P O P←, sparks associations from cola to kinetics, from color theory to Campbell’s soup cans. Puzzled? Join us for an intriguing foray into the visual possibilities of a three-letter word.

Belhaven College Art Gallery, located in Warren A. Hood Library, 1500 Peachtree Street. Opening reception is 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. Tuesday, Jan. 20. Free admission.

Jan. 31 *Mozart by Candlelight*

The Belhaven College Concert Choir and soloists will join the Mississippi Symphony Orchestra for this candlelight concert, conducted by Christopher Shelt, chairman of Belhaven’s music department, together with maestro Crafton Beck. This all-Mozart program is offered in the glow of dozens of candles.

7:30 p.m., Concert Hall, Center for the Arts, 835 Riverside Drive. For ticket information, contact the Mississippi Symphony box office at (601) 960-1565.

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Feb. 17 Faculty Recital: Dr. Roy Stillwell, organist

A concert of solo and duo music for organ and piano. The program includes compositions by Bach, Franck, Sowerby, Barber, Poulenc and others. Dr. Roy Stillwell, associate chairman and longtime faculty in Belhaven's music department, will be joined by his wife, Pauline, on the piano for several musical interpretations.

7:30 p.m., Concert Hall, Center for the Arts, 835 Riverside Drive. Free admission.

Feb. 26 Music Cantata: *A New Creation* by René Clausen

René Clausen's 1989 work is a celebration of the great and awesome grace of God shown to us in redemption. The various movements seek to characterize the many relational responses between man and God, culminating in a work that contains both the deep reflection of unworthiness, awe and wonder, and the jubilant rejoicing of mercy, forgiveness and love.

7:30 p.m., Concert Hall, Center for the Arts, 835 Riverside Drive. \$10 admission for adults, \$5 for students, children and seniors.

Feb. 26–27 Master Class and Performance: Avner Eisenberg

Avner the Eccentric: Exceptions to Gravity

Avner Eisenberg, internationally acclaimed clown and theatre performer, is best known for his endearing portrayal of The Jewel, the loveable holy man in *The Jewel of the Nile*. Daily workshops will be offered for students who are auditioning for 2004-05 Belhaven theatre scholarships. He will perform *Avner the Eccentric: Exceptions to Gravity* for the public Friday evening.

7:30 p.m., Concert Hall, Center for the Arts, 835 Riverside Drive. \$10 admission for adults, \$5 for students, children and seniors. Group discounts are available.

March 2–April 1 Art Exhibition: *New Impulses*

This joint exhibition showcases recent works by 2003-2004 Belhaven artist in residence Kate Mills Irby along with Belhaven's new chairman of the visual arts department, Bob Pennebaker.

Belhaven College Art Gallery, located in Warren A. Hood Library. Opening reception with gallery talk by the artists is 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. Tuesday, March 2. Free admission.

March 23 Faculty Recital: Belhaven music faculty

A collaborative recital featuring the Belhaven College music faculty. Enjoy a wide variety of musical textures — guitar, harp, piano, organ, violin and voice — performing a diverse collection of musical tastes.

7:30 p.m., Concert Hall, Center for the Arts, 835 Riverside Drive. Free admission.

March 25-27, 30-31, April 1-3 *The Taming of the Shrew*

Belhaven's rendition of this ageless classic on relationships is enriching for the entire family. The play whimsically transforms both Kate, a woman with an ungovernable spirit and fiery temper, and Petruchio, a suitor resolved upon marrying and taming her into a meek and manageable wife. A delightful Shakespearean comedy with a happy ending.

7:30 p.m., Flexible Theatre, Center for the Arts, 835 Riverside Drive. \$10 admission for adults, \$5 for students, children and seniors.

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April 3–May 5 Annual Student Art Exhibition

This exhibition highlights the year's achievements in a wide range of styles and media including drawing, painting, photography, graphic design, sculpture, mixed media and video.

Opening reception is 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, April 3, in the visual arts building, located behind the McCravey-Triplett Student Center. The exhibition will move April 5 to the Belhaven College Art Gallery in the Warren A. Hood Library. Free admission.

April 13 Piano Concert: Keith Ford

Keith Ford describes his piano concert as a journey, a shared experience between listener and performer. A Mississippi native, this young, gifted artist is currently studying at the Royal Academy of Music in London. He appears through generous contributions from the Preston Memorial Fund.

7:30 p.m., Concert Hall, Center for the Arts, 835 Riverside Drive. Free admission.

April 14-17 Spring Dance Concert: *Transparence*

The Belhaven College Dance Ensemble will present a program ranging in style from classical ballet to postmodern dance. Central to artistry is learning to use acquired tools of communication through an art form. This becomes a reality when technique and expression merge, and for a moment we are allowed to peer into the transparent soul of both performer and choreographer.

7:30 p.m., Flexible Theatre, Center for the Arts, 835 Riverside Drive. \$10 admission for adults, \$5 for students, children and seniors.

April 16 *Creative Colors: A Night of Guitar Expressions*

An evening of classical and contemporary guitar music in an intimate setting. Belhaven students and faculty demonstrate the instrument's rich colors and diverse styles in ensemble and solo performances. Experience the sounds of contemporary and Latin American music as well as jazz/blues-based and traditional guitar repertoire.

7:30 p.m., Recital Room, Center for the Arts, 835 Riverside Drive. Free admission.

April 19 String Concert: *A Gathering of Strings*

The Belhaven Chamber Strings, the Greater Jackson Chamber Strings and students from the Belhaven String Academy perform in concert.

7:30 p.m., Concert Hall, Center for the Arts, 835 Riverside Drive. Free admission.

April 23 The Choral Music of John Cheetham

Belhaven College choral ensembles celebrate the music of distinguished American composer John Cheetham. Belhaven choirs will perform many of his choral works, including a fabulous setting of the Gloria for large brass ensemble, percussion, large chorus and soloists.

7:30 p.m., Concert Hall, Center for the Arts, 835 Riverside Drive. \$10 admission for adults, \$5 for students, children and seniors.

April 26-27 *Best of Belhaven Spring Concert*

Feast on the first fruits of Belhaven's finest musical talents when students present an artistic offering of excellence at year's end. A plentiful variety of style, diverse groupings of instruments and vocal color await you. Com and enjoy Belhaven's best musical performers.

7:30 p.m., Concert Hall, Center for the Arts, 835 Riverside Drive. Free admission.

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April 30 Joshua Squad Commissioning Performance

An evening of mime, dance and physical theatre presented by the Squad as they share their work prior to embarking on another mission trip in the arts. See a unique blend of talent in an engaging and thought-provoking performance.

7:30 p.m., Flexible Theatre, Center for the Arts, 835 Riverside Drive. Admission by donation to Joshua Squad mission fund.

May 1 Spring Doxa Concert

Enjoy an evening of student dance offerings presented by Doxa, Belhaven's student-led dance organization, displaying the varied styles and talents within Belhaven's dance department. This concert is a culminating work that reveals students' growth throughout the year in both artistic discipline and spiritual passion.

7:30 p.m., Dance Studios, Heidelberg Gymnasium, 1500 Peachtree Street. \$1 admission.

Belhaven College is a Christian liberal arts college with campuses in Jackson, Miss., Memphis, Tenn., and Orlando, Fla. The vision of Belhaven College is to prepare men and women academically and spiritually to serve Christ Jesus in their careers, in human relationships and in the world of ideas.