

TIFTON TOURISM NEWS – February 1, 2018 – (02)

ABAC PERFORMING ARTS PERFORMANCES – Take a look at what’s coming up in the ABAC Performing Arts Series:

- **Thursday, February 1, 7 pm, Howard Auditorium: The Great Gatsby** - In a time where success is expected and excess celebrated, Jay Gatsby is a god among men. Yet without the love of Mrs. Daisy Buchanan, he is unfulfilled. The first time being staged by the National Players, this fast-paced adaptation of Fitzgerald’s novel brings the Jazz Age of New York to life as Daisy’s cousin, Nick guide us through a world where love, opportunity, deception and tragedy are always just around the corner.
- **Tuesday, February 6, 7 pm, ABAC Chapel: A Night of Piano Music** – Pianists Andy Lagrimas and Adam Booher present an evening of masterpieces written for solo piano and four-hand piano duets. The program covers the complete spectrum of classic music, from baroque to Modern, showcasing the full range of works for this mighty instrument. Whether you are new to piano music or a lifelong fan, this recital promises something enjoyable for all listeners.
- **Thursday, February 15, 7 pm, Howard Auditorium: California Guitar Trio** – The universe of guitar knows no boundaries for The California Guitar Trio. Since 1991, the group has enthralled listeners with a singular sound that fearlessly crisscrosses genres. The trio’s questing spirit drives it to explore the intersections between rock, jazz, classical and the world music. It even throws in the occasional surf or spaghetti Western tune for good measure. Back again to the Tifton stage, by popular demand, this concert is always an audience favorite.

CONCERT NEWS – Here’s a quick look at concerts coming up in Tifton:

- **Big Daddy Weave: Jesus I Believe Tour** – Saturday, February 17, 7 pm, UGA Tifton Campus Conference Center; Ticket prices range from \$15-\$75 and can be found at www.ticketfly.com.
- **Home Free TIMELESS World Tour** – Friday, March 16, 7:30 pm, UGA Tifton Campus Conference Center. The all vocal country sensation Home Free is bringing Nashville country standard and country-dipped pop hits to town. The band comes to Tifton on the heels of their most recent full-length album release, TIMELESS, bringing with them new music, new jokes and new production. Celebrate band member, Austin Brown, as he returns to his hometown of Tifton on March 16. Tickets are at www.ticketmaster.com or 800-745-3000. Ticket prices start at \$24.50 and VIP packages are also available.
- **Lee Ann Womack LIVE in Concert** – Wednesday, March 28, 7 pm, Tift Theatre; McAlpin Entertainment is proud to bring Grammy Award winning superstar Lee Ann Womack’s All the Trouble Tour, with special guest Charlie Worsham, to the historic Tift Theatre. Don’t miss Lee Ann Womack with her full band as she performs all of her classic hits, including “I Hope You Dance,” “Ashes By Now,” “The Fool,” “I’ll Think of a Reason Later,” “A Little Past Little Rock,” and “I May Hate Myself in the Morning.” Tickets are going fast, but you can still get some at www.freshtix.com.
- **Clint Black LIVE in Concert** – Friday, May 4, 7 pm, UGA Tifton Campus Conference Center. Six String Southern Productions and McAlpin Entertainment presents Clint Black, with his full band, live in concert. Clint Black surged to stardom as the Class of ’89, with #1 with five singles from his triple platinum album “Killin’ Time.” He followed it with more platinum and gold albums throughout the 90s. Some of his hits include “A Better Man,” “Where Are You Now,” “When My Ship Comes In,” “A Good Run of Bad Luck,” “Summers Comin,” “Like the Rain” and “Nothing But the Taillights.” Clint Black has sold over 20 million records and earned more than a dozen gold and platinum awards, landed nearly two dozen major awards and nominations and earned a star on the Hollywood Walk of Fame.

RHYTHM & RIBS BBQ FESTIVAL COMING SOON – The 5th Annual Rhythm & Ribs BBQ Festival is set for Saturday, March 3 at Fulwood Park. A kickoff party is also being planned for Friday night, March 2. Co-headliners for

Saturday are Southern Avenue & Cris Jacobs. Additional acts on the Main Stage include Mermaid Motor Lounge, Justin Spivey Band, Tyler Neal Band featuring Yonrico Scott and Ryn Crider. There will also be a second Community Stage, with more entertainment to be named. The KidZone is shaping up with the Zip Line, Rock Wall, Inflatables and more. This year, the professional, GBA-sanctioned BBQ competition is a double points competition, so a lot of teams from all over are expected. The backyard competition is also shaping up to be a great one. BBQ competition fees are offering an early bird discount through February 2. Competition and vendor applications can be found online at www.tiftonribsfest.com. Sponsorships are also available; call 229-386-0216 or email spearmanagency@friendlycity.net.

LITERACY FUNDRAISER BRINGS CHOCOLATE BACK – The sixth annual Choc-It-Up for Literacy, An Evening of Chocolate Indulgence fundraiser will be held at 6:30 pm on Tuesday, February 6 at the Springhill Country Club. Attendees will sample and judge Tifton’s best chocolate desserts. Silent and live auctions benefit the Literacy Volunteers of Tifton-Tift County, helping adults improve their reading and math skills, prepare for the GED and learn English as a second language. Tickets are \$10 in advance and \$12 at the door. For tickets locations, check the Facebook page or call 229-391-2627 or email tiftlv@gmail.com.

FIRST EVER HOME SHOWCASE TO TIFTON - Builders, Contractors, Architects and Homeowners mark your calendars for the 2018 South Georgia Home Showcase, set for Tuesday, February 13 at the UGA Tifton Campus Conference Center. The South Georgia Home Showcase is a trade show and education event, hosting 100+ manufacturer and supplier exhibitors highlighting their building and home improvement products. These global, regional and local companies will share their latest products, materials, and technologies on best practices for building or renovating your home

Beginning at 8:00 am, the full day of activities will feature new, innovative products; live, interactive product demonstrations; cooking demonstrations; DIY project demonstrations; and tours of the UGA Future Farmstead. AIA Continuing Education Classes will be offered and USDA will host seminars on their Rural Home Loan program. The event will conclude with “Sunset Tifton” on the show floor. Throughout the day, attendees will have a chance to win more than \$20,000 in Prizes and Giveaways.

Jay Short of Short & Paulk, one of the event organizers stated “Our intent is to bring the building products shows we attend to our customers in South Georgia. Contractors and homeowners will have the opportunity to learn the pros and cons of a wide array of building products.”

The 2018 South Georgia Home Showcase Grand Prize is a Kohler Whole House propane powered generator (valued at \$10,000), donated by Conger LP Gas. “If you’re planning on building or remodeling, the Showcase is an event you don’t want to miss,” states Dan Richardson of Conger LP Gas. “We believe first-hand product information direct from the manufacturers will help both builders and homeowners make educated decisions on the products they use in their next project.”

Details and additional information can be found at www.gahomeshowcase.com. Pre-registration is encouraged and free. Registration at the door is \$10 with all proceeds going to Habitat for Humanity. The event is brought to you by Short & Paulk, Conger LP Gas, University of Georgia-Tifton Campus, Tifton Tourism Board, Tifton – Tift County Chamber of Commerce and USDA-Rural Development.

SAVE THE DATES – Here is a quick look at some events happening in the next few months that you may want to save the date for. There are more added all the time, so stay tuned to our website!

- An Evening for ABAC, March 2
- 2nd Annual Peach State Show Choir Invitational, March 9-10
- Celebrate ABAC Homecoming Weekend, including ABAC Athletics Hall of Fame & the Rodeo, April 6-8
- Folk Life Festival & American Legacy Quilt Show, April 7
- Alliance for Children Conference, April 13
- TRMC Foundation’s “Havana Nights,” April 14
- Tiftarea Auto Show, April 13-14
- Arts in Black Festival, April 28