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## Atlanta Pops Orchestra Will Perform At East Georgia College

The Atlanta Pops Orchestra will present a performance entitled "An Adventure in Music!" in the Luck Flanders Gambrell Auditorium at East Georgia College on Thursday, March 2. There will be at 11 a.m. and 7 p.m. performances by the orchestra. Both performances are sponsored by the Vision Series, a privately funded initiative that underwrites academic and cultural enrichment programs for East Georgia College students and the surrounding communities.

Selections include a Gershwin Medley featuring Pianist Geoffrey Haydon, *For Once In My Life*, *12<sup>th</sup> Street Rag*, *April In Paris*, *Feelings*, *Come Fly With Me*, a television Western Medley and many more.



In 1944 French immigrant Albert Coleman accepted the position of musical director for WSB Radio in Atlanta and set about forming an orchestra that would include Atlanta's best musicians and would be available for radio dates,

public concerts and free performances for the benefit of young people and aspiring musicians. Mr. Coleman established his first Atlanta Pops in 1945 and led that ensemble for 55 years through appearances in Atlanta and throughout the southeast.

In his long career, Mr. Coleman also served as music director for Chet Atkins and Boots Randolph and performed with many of the major symphony orchestras throughout the United States and Europe. Most of the concerts in Atlanta were free to the local audiences and drew thousands of attendees. During his tenure, Coleman was responsible for discovering and contributing to careers of many young artists. His contributions won him the honor of membership in the Georgia Music Hall of Fame.

Since Mr. Coleman retired in 1998, the orchestra has performed largely non-public events under guest conductors. Recently, Mr. Coleman named former Atlanta Symphony Principal Trumpeter John Head as his successor and music director and conductor of The Atlanta Pops Orchestra.

The Atlanta Pops, under the direction of John Head, has expanded its role in music by actively seeking more corporate, community, school and touring opportunities. The orchestra will also perform a wider variety of programs and will accompany guest artists while continuing to feature its own soloists.

The Atlanta Pops accompanied Chet Atkins, Boots Randolph, Floyd Cramer, Charlie McCoy, Danny Davie, Lloyd Green and Johnny Gamble on a 1983 Epic recording. They also recorded "Rhapsody In Blue" and eight more Gershwin classics in 2002.

Accompanying The Atlanta Pops Orchestra at East Georgia College will be vocalist Stuart Ambrose and Maria Howell.

## EGC & STC COSPONSOR COE PROGRAM

On February 23, nine students from the area high schools, middle schools, and elementary schools were recognized at the Second Annual "Celebration of Education" program for writing an essay on "How Would Life Be Without An Education." First place winner from each of the three categories received a \$200 savings bond; second place received a \$100 saving bond; and third place received a \$50 savings bond.

The essay contest was a collaborative event sponsored by East Georgia College and Swainsboro Technical College and extended to the high, middle and elementary schools in Candler, Emanuel, Jenkins, Johnson, and Treutlen counties. The submissions were required to be the original work of the student and were judged on originality, development, grammar, and style.

Approximately 300 contest participants, students, parents, and faculty from the two colleges gathered for the awards ceremony following a reception honoring the students and their families. The ceremony was held in the auditorium of the Luck Flanders Gambrell Center on the EGC Campus. Each participant in the contest received a certificate and was recognized by Dr. John Black, President of East Georgia College, and Dr. Glenn Deibert, President of Swainsboro Technical College.

The winners of the essay contest were:

(from the elementary schools division) First Place-Franklin Hagins, student at Jenkins County Elementary School; Second Place-Samantha Jo Page, student at Swainsboro Elementary School; and Third place-Jenny Taylor, student at Jenkins County Elementary School.

(from the middle schools division) First Place-Desiree Tarver, student at Jenkins County Middle School; Second Place-Jonathan Hullander, student at Emanuel County Institute; and Third Place-Jerel Kelly, student at Jenkins County Middle School.

(from the high schools division) First Place-Cora Gravely, student

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at Metter High School; Second Place-Patrick Price, student at Swainsboro High School; and Third Place-Paul McFarren, student at Emanuel County Institute.

Jenkins County was recognized as having the highest participation; and Rebecca Lynn Gay, a senior at Emanuel County Institute, was awarded the EXCELLENCE IN EDUCATION SCHOLARSHIP to East Georgia College.



Ms. Gay accepts scholarship award from Dr. Black. Dr. Deibert on right.

The scholarship award was available to seniors of the area high schools with criteria based on leadership, academic success, community and/or church involvement, extra-curricular activities and other awards or recognitions. Miss Gay was nominated by Lori Featheringill, counselor for Emanuel County Institute. Rebecca plans to attend East Georgia College and pursue a degree in early childhood education.

## EGC Faculty Comings and Goings

-Mr. David Strickland made two presentations at the 2006 Teaching Matters Conference at Gordon College in Barnesville, Georgia.

-Dr. David Bartram was recently an outside reviewer for Program Review at Georgia Perimeter College in Dunwoody, Georgia. He also attended the 2006 Teaching Matters Conference in Marietta, Georgia, and a development workshop for first year faculty in Fort Lauderdale, Florida.

-Dr. Jimmy Wedincamp attended the Faculty Academy for Learning through Performance Standards and Assessment in Marietta, Georgia.

-Mrs. Carol Bray attended the RAEL meeting at Sea Palms on St. Simons Island, Georgia.

-Dr. Tim Goodman recently attended the Faculty Academy for Learning through Performance Standards and Assessment in Marietta.

-Mrs. Bettye Doyle and Ms. Jennifer Baker attended a meeting sponsored by the Southeastern Library Network and the Online Computer Library Center at Mercer University in Macon.

-Mrs. Janet Stracher attended an Academic Data Mart Workshop sponsored by the Office of Information and Instructional Technology in Athens, Georgia, and also a Study Abroad Issues Workshop at Clayton State University in Morrow.

-Dr. John Derden led a *Sherman's March* tour through East Central Georgia on Saturday, February 25th for 18 participants.

-Ms. Artica Gaston attended the Georgia Governmental Purchasing Conference at the Georgia International Convention Center at College Park in Atlanta.

-Mrs. Lara Norton attended the Academy for Learning through Performance Standards and Assessment in Marietta.

-Mr. Jason Brannen attended a Cisco Seminar for the VOIP (Voice over Internet Protocol) Project at Armstrong State College in Savannah on February 9th.

-Mr. Ty Fagler attended a Security Seminar with Cisco at Armstrong Atlantic State College in Savannah on February 9th.

-Mr. Mike Rountree attended a Network Security Seminar at Armstrong Atlantic State College in Savannah, also on the 9th.

## MARCH BIRTHDAYS

3/7	Ken Homer
3/10	Barbara Fields
3/11	Randy Carter
3/14	Tori Kearns
3/19	Robert Surrency (Emeritus)
3/19	Dianna Wedincamp
3/25	Bob Brown
3/25	Susan Gray
3/26	Willie D. Gunn (Emeritus)
3/26	Peggy Sammons (Emeritus)
3/27	William Donaldson (Emeritus)
3/31	Glenn Stracher

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