Chipola Artist Series opens Sept 22 with Vienna to Broadway

The Chipola College Artist Series opens Monday, Sept. 22, with “Vienna to Broadway” presented by the Jacksonville Lyric Opera Company.

“Vienna to Broadway” includes highlights of operetta, grand opera, and classic Broadway favorites performed by a quartet of gifted soloists and their superb accompanist.

Titles include The Merry Widow, Die Fledermaus, La Boheme, La Traviata, The Student Prince, Show Boat and Carousel. The show features musical staging reflecting the historical period of each piece, supported by seamless transitions from number to number. Stylish costumes and colorful scenic projections will add to the audience’s enjoyment of this musical presentation. Vienna to Broadway is produced in association with Opera Management Corporation, New York City.

Chipola College offers Bachelor’s Degree in Nursing

Chipola College now offers a Bachelor of Science degree in Nursing. Known in health profession as the RN to BSN, the program is open to Registered Nurses (RN) with licensure in Florida, Alabama, or Georgia. Classes are offered in the evening and online. Application deadline for the Spring 2009 semester is Dec. 3.

Mil Cox, Chipola’s interim director of Health Science programs, says, “There are many advantages to earning a four-year nursing degree. The BSN nurse is prepared for additional professional roles in management and leadership. The BSN also is the first step toward an advanced practice degree which usually includes a pay differential with a higher salary.”

Chipola’s BSN curriculum also has an emphasis in community health that is not included in the Associate Degree Nursing program of study.

Graduates of Chipola’s Associate Degree Nursing (ADN) program have an advantage over graduates from other programs. Chipola graduates must complete only 30 upper-level semester hours to earn the BSN degree. Because of the rigorous training of the ADN program, the number of additional RN to BSN prerequisite courses, and the clinical experiences associated with working as a licensed nurse, students who enter the RN to BSN program will receive credit for 30 semester hours upper-level credit by validation upon successful completion of the first 12 hours of the BSN program.

Admission requirements to the BSN program include: RN licensure in the state of Florida, Alabama, or Georgia; an AA degree from a Florida public institution; a cumulative grade point average of 2.5; and completion of all prerequisite courses.

For information, call Dr. Kitty Myers at 850-718-2260.
Kansas coach Bill Self to speak at Chipola Oct. 4

NCAA coach of the year Bill Self of the University of Kansas and Greg Marshall of Wichita State will speak at Chipola College, Saturday, Oct. 4, at 7:00 p.m.

The leadership banquet is free and open to the public. Business leaders and high school athletic departments are also invited to attend and bring their staff and employees.

“This is a great opportunity for the community to come out and preview this year’s team and hear from two very inspiring leaders. Many of the ideas expressed by these extremely talented coaches can help improve individual life skills and increase business productivity,” said Coach Greg Heiar.

The Chipola Indians and Northwest Florida, formerly Okaloosa-Walton, will each play two scrimmage games beginning at 10:00 a.m. earlier that day. Other teams include Talladega College, Alabama Southern, and Northwest Shoals.

Coach Bill Self’s Kansas Jayhawks team won the Big 12 title and the Big 12 conference tournament. Self’s team marched through the tournament by defeating overall number one seed North Carolina 84-66. The Jayhawks won the 2008 NCAA Championship with a 75-68 overtime victory over Memphis.

Self is one of two active coaches to lead three different teams to the Elite Eight of the NCAA Tournament. In August, Self signed a 10-year contract showing his dedication to the University of Kansas. Former Chipola All-American Mario Little will play for Coach Self at Kansas this season.

Wichita State coach Gregg Marshall previously coached at Winthrop University for nine seasons, leading the Eagles to seven NCAA tournament appearances.

At Winthrop, Marshall led the team to regular season titles six times, won the Big South Tournament five times, has had five 20-win seasons, was named Big South Coach of the Year three times, and in 2006, surpassed Nield Gordon as the all-time winningest coach in Winthrop men’s basketball history. Former Chipola Indian, Clevin Hannah, will be play for coach Marshall at Wichita State this season.

For more information call 850-718-2451 or 850-573-6839.

Chipola holds Juvenile Justice Academy


Chipola “Rock the Vote” Rally is Sept. 19

The Chipola College Chapter of Phi Theta Kappa will hold a Rock the Vote rally at Citizen’s Lodge, Friday, Sept. 19, from 6 to 9 p.m.

The purpose of the event is to register new voters. According to organization’s website Rock the Vote’s mission is to engage young people in order to achieve progressive change. Rock the Vote uses music, popular culture and new technologies to engage and incite young people to register and vote in every election and to give young people the tools to identify and take action on the issues that affect their lives, and leverage their power in the political process.

Five local bands will perform throughout the evening. Solo artist Jonathan Gluck will open the event.

“One Last Breath” will perform with members Brandon Hill, Jon Hughes, Zac Culpepper, and Tim Rocwell.

“Break to Bloom” members include: Trent Hatcher, Jonathan Keeman, Dennis Keeman, Kevin Shores, Dylan Bass, and Nick Melvin.

Evangel Worship Center’s Youth Praise and Worship Band “Anthem” will perform with members Shannon Mercer, Michael Lingerfelt, Kylee Shores, Kevin Shores, Sianna Davis, Cassie Mitchell, Adam Johnson and Dylan Bass.

“The Original Artists”—Royce Reagan and Richard Hinson—will close out the event.

The Optimist Club of Marianna will be selling hamburgers and hot dogs, and giving away free soft drinks. A homemade cake auction will be conducted to raise money for March of Dimes.

Politicians from the five county area are invited to attend. Those holding office have been invited to speak on the importance of voting. Those running for office are invited to set up booths to speak with voters. Any U.S. citizen can register at the Rock the Vote event with a valid driver’s license.

For more information, contact Pam Rentz at 526-2761, Ext. 3287 or Cassie Mitchell at 557-3307.
United Way kicks off Jackson County Community Campaign

United Way of Northwest Florida will kick off its annual Community Campaign on Wednesday, Sept. 24, at 11:30 a.m., at the Jackson County Chamber of Commerce.

The Community Campaign is a drive to raise funds to support the 21 United Way affiliated non-profit agencies in Jackson County. Community leaders and volunteers will meet to announce the 2008 Campaign goal and discuss strategies.

The Community Campaign Chairman for 2008 is Dr. Gene Prough, Chipola College President. The Immediate Past-Chairman and 2008 Vice-chairman is Art Kimbrough, President and CEO of the Jackson County Chamber of Commerce.

To ensure a successful campaign, United Way of Northwest Florida is seeking local people to volunteer a few hours each week during the campaign season which runs through Friday, Nov. 14.

United Way of Northwest Florida is a local agency that raises money for organizations the local community. These organizations offer help to newborns, senior citizens and everyone in between that live in Jackson County. Unless a donor requests otherwise, the money raised in Jackson County stays in the county for the benefit of all involved.

For further information, please call Tommy McDonald, Jr. at 850-832-2919 or Bryan Craven (850)718-2264.

Orlando Philharmonic to play Chipola student’s music

John Callahan is far from the typical music student at Chipola College. He is dual enrolled in high school and at Chipola but managed to find the time to give a full piano solo recital this past June.

John’s versatile musical talents don’t stop in the classroom or at the piano; one of his main interests lies in composition. He hopes to focus on this field when he completes his studies at Chipola.

His passion for musical composition has recently been recognized by the Orlando Symphony in the 2008 Young Composer’s Challenge competition. Not only did he receive a cash prize for himself and his teacher, but his work, “Flight of the Fourth Caravel,” will be performed by the Orlando Philharmonic Orchestra Sept. 28, at the Bob Carr Performing Arts Center in Orlando. Callahan was one of three young composers to have his work played by the full orchestra. His Chipola music professor, Dr. Daniel Powell, says, “To have your composition played by a leading, professional orchestra is something that is coveted by many composers and is a big honor for young Callahan who is sure to be in the spotlight for many more years.”

Chipola College offers a variety of music programs with voice and instrumental instruction available. The college features several performance groups, including Chamber Chorus, Rock and Jazz Ensemble, Show Choir and musical theater.

CRAA to bring “Little Red Riding Hood” to Chipola

The Chipola Regional Arts Association in conjunction with the Fine and Performing Arts Department of Chipola College will bring two performances of “Little Red Riding Hood,” - an opera for young audiences - to the Chipola stage on Sept. 23.

More than 700 selected elementary school students from Calhoun, Jackson, and Washington counties will enjoy the world’s most popular fairy tale in this unique interactive production performed by the Children’s Opera Theatre of Jacksonville, under the artistic direction of Donald Westwood.

The audience will be introduced to opera in the context of this entertaining and fun performance through fast-moving dialogue and familiar operatic music by Bizet, Donizetti, Mozart and Rossini. Audience participation will be key to warning Little Red of the dangers in her path.

According to the National Endowment for the Arts total opera attendance each year exceeds 16.5 million children and adults, and opera attendance has been rising steadily since 1982.

Objectives of the Chipola Regional Arts Association (CRAA) are to develop the appreciation and enjoyment of all the cultural arts in the five-county Chipola College district. In addition to sponsoring performances for children, the CRAA sponsors the annual Sunday Afternoon with the Arts, set for Nov. 2 in the Chipola Arts Center. CRAA also awards mini-grants to public and private teachers in the arts and is a major contributor of the Chipola Artist Series. The group also awards arts scholarships and contributes to other arts related projects. The public is invited to attend monthly CRAA program meetings at Jim’s Buffet in Marianna on the second Tuesday of each month. For information, call 850-718-2301.
Chipola softball host Golf Tourney

The Lady Indians Softball Team will host a Golf Tournament, Friday, Sept. 19, at Indian Springs Golf Club in Marianna.

The format is Two-Man Team, Select-A-Shot, with a 1 p.m. shotgun start.

Cost is $150 per two-man team with prizes for the winners. Hole sponsorships are available for $50.

For information, call Belinda Hendrix at (850) 573-6302 or email: hendrixb@chipola.edu

SGA Blood Drive slated for Sept. 23

SGA will sponsor a blood drive on Tuesday, September 23 from 9 a.m. until 2 p.m. The Southeastern Community Blood Mobile will be parked at Chipola on Indian Circle in front of Building Z. All of the blood donated will stay in this region. You need a picture ID to donate. Thanks for your support!

Caricaturist on campus Sept. 24

Caricaturist, Steve Gipson will be on campus Wednesday, September 24th in the Lobby of Building D from 9:00 a.m. until 1:00 p.m. Everyone is invited to stop by and have your picture drawn. This event is sponsored by SGA and is FREE!

Fall Festival slated for Oct. 1

Chipola’s annual Fall Festival will be Wednesday, Oct. 1, from 10 a.m. until 2 p.m. on the lawn in front of the Health center. If it is raining, it will be in the Health Center. Students will be excused from classes to participate in this fun event.

SGA has some great activities lined up including soft play blow up games, music, door prizes, and hotdogs and hamburgers for everyone. There should be several universities attending that day to display recruiting tables for people that are interested.

Don’t forget about the match up between campus clubs. There will be relay and tug of war competitions to see which club rules the campus. Everything is FREE and everyone is invited.

Marianna’s five automobile dealers will display vehicles that are fuel efficient or incorporate fuel saving technologies. The Chipola Conservation Biology class and the Natural Science department invite students and employees to explore new ways to save gas and the environment - from Chrysler, Ford, GM, Nissan and Toyota.

O’Pry named Employee of the Month

Annie O’Pry of Marianna has been named the Chipola College Career Employee of the Month for September. O’Pry has worked at the college since 1981 and serves as Senior Office Assistant in the Financial Aid office.

Cheer Fest slated for Oct. 26

The Chipola College Cheerleaders will host a Cheer Fest and Critique Day for area all-star and recreation cheer squads on Sunday, Oct. 26, at 2 p.m., in the Milton H. Johnson Health Center.

Deadline for fees and forms is Oct. 17. Entry forms are available at www.chipola.edu under “Athletics,” “Cheerleaders” and “Cheer Fest.”

Chipola Coach Geraldine DeFelix, says, “We’re expecting some great routines and an exciting afternoon of cheerleading.”

The public is invited. Admission is $5 for everyone 5 years old and up.

Interested coaches should contact DeFelix at 850-718-2322 or e-mail: defelixg@chipola.edu.