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Current Students Present Solo Performances

BOILING SPRINGS, N.C.—The Gardner-Webb University Department of Music

presents a “Night of Staged Scenes” April 5 at 8 p.m. Under the direction of Associate Professor of Music Dr. Stafford Turner, the performances will be in Blanton Auditorium, located in Hamrick Hall. The event is free and open to the public.

While past nights of staged scenes have focused on ensemble performances, this night will feature solo performers. Seven students will perform vocal pieces in both English and foreign languages, including Italian and German. The focus on solo performances teaches students to connect with a character within a work, a practice Turner calls “subtexting.”

“If a singer is singing as though they were a character, then it enhances their performance. This enhances the connection to the audience, as well as the audience’s enjoyment,” says Turner. “This practice allows students to focus on the piece and not the ‘what-ifs’ of what could go wrong.”

This one-night event will include performances from Abigail Auman, Madeline Bame, Maria Mull, Isabel Mull, Cheyanne McCall, Christopher Stroud, and Isaiah Crawford. Accompanying the soloists will be pianist Rebecca Turner, professor of voice at Converse College in Spartanburg, S.C.

Auxiliary aids will be made available to persons with disabilities upon request 48 hours prior to the event. Please call 704-406-4270 or email disabilityservices@gardner-webb.edu with your request.

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