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Entertainer Taylor Mason Will Share Talents at Dimensions

BOILING SPRINGS, N.C. – The Dimensions program at Gardner-Webb University is pleased to welcome stand-up comedian, musician, ventriloquist, and actor Taylor Mason. The entertainer will share his talents with students on Tuesday, Oct. 1 at 9:25 in the Paul Porter Arena, located inside the Lutz-Yelton Convocation Center (LYCC).

With the unique combination of comedy, ventriloquism and music, Mason has been charming audiences of all ages for the past 25 years. It all started towards the end of college, where he re-discovered a ventriloquist puppet that was given to him on his tenth birthday. After entertaining at wedding, parties and restaurants around Chicago, Mason began to gain some notoriety and was eventually hired as the musical director for The Second City Touring Company. Realizing that performing with his puppets is what he was called to do, he left the city and since then has continued to entertain at corporate functions, cruise lines, over 1500 college campuses and has made a myriad of television appearances on networks such as Showtime and MTV. Mason, who has always kept his material clean and spiritually centered, has won two “Family Entertainer of the Year” awards and was even a grand-prize winner of Star Search, winning \$100,000.

“Because there are many ways in which to share the abundant life offered to us in Jesus Christ, we want our Dimensions schedule to reflect that variety,” said Dr. Tracy Jessup, vice president for Christian Life and Service and senior minister to the University. “Taylor Mason personifies variety. He has been incredibly blessed with creative gifts to make people laugh, but also think about their relationship with God.”

Mason continues to build the foundation of his show on quick wit and a flawless delivery, looking for laughter and the shared experience of sheer joy and excitement from the audience. For more information about Taylor Mason, visit www.taylormason.com.

Gardner-Webb University’s Dimensions programs are free and open to the public. The goal of Dimensions is to enhance the spiritual, intellectual and cultural life at the University and also to promote a sense of community. Dimensions programs are held on Tuesday at 9:25 a.m. in the LYCC. More information is available by calling 704-406-4277.

Located in Boiling Springs, N.C., Gardner-Webb University was founded in 1905 and is home to over 4,300 students from 37 states and 21 foreign countries. Gardner-Webb blends a liberal arts core curriculum with more than 55 specialized major and minor programs, a

comprehensive academic experience grounded in our Christian commitment to service, leadership, and intellectual freedom.