



Jumpin' & Jivin' at The Ritz!



Golden Isles Arts and Humanities Association (GIAHA) and the Brunswick-Golden Isles Chamber of Commerce are proud to present the U.S. Army Field Band Jazz Ambassadors in a free concert at Downtown Brunswick's Historic Ritz Theatre, Thursday, April 24, 2007, at 7:00 p.m. You'll be on your feet swingin' and swayin' with this lively and popular group's extensive repertoire of big band sounds, bebop, Latin, contemporary jazz, standards, popular tunes, Dixieland, vocals and patriotic selections

The Jazz Ambassadors is the United States Army's premier touring jazz orchestra. This 19-member big band, formed in 1969, has received great acclaim both at home and abroad performing America's original art form, jazz.

The Jazz Ambassadors have entertained all types of audiences with their diverse creative talent and gifted soloists. The band has appeared in all 50 states, Canada, Mexico, Japan, India, and throughout Europe. Notable performances include concerts at international jazz festivals in Montreux, Newport, Toronto, Brussels, and the North Sea Jazz Festival in the Netherlands. In 1995, the Jazz Ambassadors performed in England, Wales, Belgium, Luxembourg, and the Czech Republic in commemoration of the 50th anniversary of the end of World War II. The band has also been featured in unique joint concerts with major orchestras, including the Detroit and Baltimore symphonies.

The concert is free but patrons must obtain an admission ticket prior to the performance. Tickets are available at the Ritz, the Chamber offices, Jekyll Island Welcome Center and at Pat's Hallmark on St. Simon's Island. For more information, call GIAHA at 912-262-6934.

Bebo Norman, Georgia-Born Singing Sensation, To Perform in Golden Isles

Concert to Benefit The Whitefield School on St. Simons Island

Join Bebo Norman, and hundreds of fans, on a Christian life-journey...through sensational song!

Bebo Norman, the chart topping contemporary Christian singer-songwriter, will take center stage for a concert benefiting The Whitefield School. The sought-after event will be held at the new Saint Simons Community Church Sanctuary on Saturday, May 3, at 7 p.m. Tickets are \$12 in advance, and are available on Saint Simons at Gentlemen's Outfitters and One Day Christian Book Store; They are also available in Brunswick at Gentlemen's Outfitters located in the Glynn Place Mall and Shekinah Glory Book Store. Additionally, tickets can be purchased online at iTickets.com or by phone, 800-965-9324.



Originally from Columbus, Georgia, Norman is a popular singer/songwriter that grew his fan base through years of performing during Young Life summer camps in the mid-1990's. His most successful album, "Myself When I am Real" topped Billboard's Heatseeker's chart and yielded back-to-back Top 5 radio hits with "Great Light of the World" and "Falling Down."

In addition to the exposure he received on tour, Norman's work with Young Life Ministry taught him the importance of relational ministry, which is evident in his lyrics. One of his most popular songs, "Walk Down this Mountain," from his album Ten Thousand Days, is written about one of his personal experiences at Young Life's Wilderness Ranch.

Ronnie Perry Gives Back



From left, Ronnie Perry presenting check to Bob Hicks

Ronnie Perry & Assoc. recently donated \$1,350 from real estate sales proceeds of the past year to Habitat for Humanity of Glynn County, GA Inc. In his letter acknowledging the gift, Bob Hicks, Executive Director of Habitat for Humanity of Glynn County, said, "We are grateful for the partnership you have forged as an example for other realtors in the community to follow so that all people have an opportunity of decent, affordable home ownership." This is just one more instance of the generosity of those in the Golden Isles community.

Stingrays on Their Way to Top

The Glynn County Fast Pitch Softball 14U Stingrays 2008 spring travel season began on February 16, 2008. They played in the World Fast Pitch Connection (WFC) tournament in Brunswick at North Glynn Complex. They placed first in that tournament and qualified to play in the WFC World Series in July. The Stingrays also played in the WFC tournament on March 1 and finished second. The 14U Stingrays are scheduled to play April 28 at North Glynn Complex. The Stingrays will play in approximately 65-70 games before their appearance at the WFC World Series in July.

From left, back row: Hillary Rowell, Kristen Brooks and Kelly McKeon; front row: Rayven Riggs, Chevy Young, Valerie Lanzone, Kayla Logue, Ceejay Ham, Summer Hanson, Millie Jennings (not pictured: Katelyn Minick)



15-Year Veteran School Leader and Christian Author to Join The Whitefield School as First Headmaster

The Whitefield School (TWS) is pleased to announce that Karl Graustein of Gaithersburg, Maryland, will become the school's first headmaster effective July 1, 2008.

Working with The Whitefield School Board of Directors, Graustein will be responsible for providing overall leadership for the school, overseeing the academic curriculum, fostering strong community involvement, and spiritually mentoring the school's youth.

"Over the past several years, under the leadership of a school administrator who has worked hand-in-hand with the school board, teachers, and families, Whitefield has grown into a strong, independent school representing more than fourteen churches throughout our community," said Jim Parker, Chairman, TWS Board of Directors. "Now we've created a headmaster position with enhanced responsibilities so that we can take our outstanding school to the next level of development and growth. I am confident that Karl will expand on this tremendous momentum, and we're excited to see what the future holds."

Graustein is currently Head of School at Covenant Life School in Gaithersburg, Maryland, where he has held numerous positions including coach, athletic director, educator, elementary school principal, middle school principal, and high school principal. In his current position as head of school, he has overseen the academic and spiritual development of 268 students.

Prior to Covenant Life, Graustein spent four years as an educator at Laconia Christian School in Laconia, New Hampshire, which he attended from kindergarten through twelfth grade when his own father was the head of school. His father is currently the Northeastern Director for the Association of Christian Schools International.

"Karl is exceptional in so many ways," said Parker. "He has a family legacy of Christian education. He literally cut his teeth in a large Christian school environment, first as a student and then working his way all the way up to a head of school position. We couldn't have asked for a better experience profile. In addition, he is a gentle, wise, and godly man. We're confident he will be a wonderful leader and spiritual role model for our school."

Regency Celebrates 30th Anniversary

On April 10, Regency Custom Homes celebrated 30 years of building with an after hours anniversary party in their newest subdivision, Autumn's Wood. Approximately 200 friends, vendors, and local businessmen and women attended the event, making it a great success. Now in its second generation, Regency Custom Homes is proud to be a family owned, Christian-based residential construction, real estate, development and management company.



From left, Jamie & Chad Neal, Jessica & AJ Riggs, and Jody & Wayne Neal