

SOCIAL AND COMMUNITY NEWS

Steve Earle to Appear at Armstrong Atlantic

By: Jim Reed

Music fans will no doubt rejoice upon learning that American songwriting legend Steve Earle will make a rare concert appearance at 8 p.m., Saturday, June 13 at the newly renovated Armstrong Atlantic State University Fine Arts Auditorium.

This marks the first time in his 30-year career that the Grammy-winning singer and guitarist has headlined in Savannah.

Although Earle often performs with a full band, his current U.S. tour finds the iconic, fiercely independent artist alone on stage with just an acoustic guitar and harmonica to accompany his hardscrabble, weather-beaten voice.

This intimate, solo setup is the perfect way to experience Earle's original material, known for its deeply heartfelt lyrics which are unabashedly bare and drawn from real life.

Earle will also perform tunes originally writ-



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ten by the late, great Townes Van Zandt, a little-known but almost mythical Tx. poet and guitarist who led an infamously rough life of drugs and drink, yet left an impressive catalog of densely layered country and folk songs behind.

Superstars Bob Dylan, Willie Nelson and Kris Kristofferson all cite Van Zandt as a major inspiration, and Earle (who was personally encouraged and mentored by Townes early on) recently released a CD consisting entirely of his

favorite Van Zandt songs - to universal critical acclaim.

Known best for his own unique brand of roots-country with a rock attitude, Earle's recorded work runs the gamut from the Vietnam vet commentary of "Copperhead Road," to the tearful ballad "My Old Friend The Blues."

A former heroin and cocaine addict and alcoholic who served several years in state prison for drug offenses, Earle has been clean and sober for 14 years, and convincingly played a recovering inmate on TV in the HBO series *The Wire*.

His interest in old-time folk music and his progressive political activism (he's an outspoken opponent of the death penalty and a champion of the common man) have also drawn comparisons to such American luminaries as Pete Seeger and Woody Guthrie.

General Admission tickets to this special show are \$32 in adv. Or \$35 at the door for ALL-AGES and can be charged securely online at www.tinyteam-concerts.org, or bought with cash at Silly Mad CDs on the Southside.

Savannah State Concert Choir invited to perform at Carnegie Hall

The Savannah State University (SSU) Concert Choir has been invited to join seven choirs from across the nation to perform a concert of choral music at historic Carnegie Hall on June 14, 2009, at 2 p.m.

The SSU Concert Choir and other voices will open the program, performing two selections by Austrian composer Joseph Haydn: *Te Deum* in C major, Hob. XXIIIc:2 and *Kleine Orgelmesse* in B-flat major, Hob.XXII:7.

The choirs will be accompanied by the New England Symphonic Ensemble.

The performance is part of MidAmerica Productions'

Choral Masterpieces by Haydn, Rutter, Berkey and more.

Now celebrating its 25th anniversary season as an independent producer of classical concerts, MidAmerica presents soloists and choral and instrumental ensembles from around the world in New York's Carnegie Hall and other venues.

The SSU Concert Choir is conducted by Nan Poole Spicer, a native of Tuskegee Institute, Ala., where she was a protégée of William L. Dawson, a composer, choir conductor and professor.

She received the Bachelor of Arts degree in Piano Performance at Alabama State University

and the Master of Music in Choral Conducting from Auburn University.

Since joining Savannah State in 2003, Spicer has nurtured and expanded the choir, which performs a repertoire that ranges from Bach to Hip Hop.

Established in 1890, Savannah State University is on the move to become the best value-added university in the nation.

The university's 3,450 students are enrolled in 23 undergraduate and five graduate programs in three colleges: Liberal Arts and Social Sciences, Business Administration and Sciences and Technology.

SONATA Inc. to hold Annual Fundraising Scholarship Luncheon

Sponsors of New and Talented Artists, Inc. (SONATA) presents its annual fundraising scholarship luncheon on Saturday, June 6, 2009 at 12:00 noon.

This event will take place at Temple Of Glory, Eden Room, 1105 Stiles Ave.

Come dine and enjoy the wonderful music and great door prizes.

The music will be provided by Ricardo Ochoa Jazz trio featuring guest soloists Roger Moss and Claire Frazier.

We are so thankful to all of our supporters over the years.

With help from the community, this year, we were able to give sixteen students music scholarships for

instrument lessons. Please come out and enjoy this special event and support our students.

If you would like to attend this afternoon of fun, contact Mrs. Lillian Ellis, President at 912-233-7366 or Anna Watson at 912-355-0045.

SCMPD Adds 19 to the Ranks

Nineteen officers accepted their badges today at the Badge Pinning Ceremony for classes 238 and 239 from the Regional Academy and the first SCMPD graduates of Savannah Tech, class 0109.

Among the graduates, many officers who were drawn to Savannah-Chatham from other areas of the country—at least eight of graduates come from outside of the area, as far away as New York State.

"Once again, the strength of our recruiting efforts shows in these graduates," said Police Chief Michael Berkow. "We are proud to have many former military graduates with us as well."

This is the first group of graduates from the Savannah Technical College class.

Of the eleven graduates of class 0109, six are former military, and five have college degrees.

The class liaison for the Regional Academy, Ofc. Abbie Gottschall took high-

est honors in her class for Highest Academic Standing and Best Shooter.

Ofc. Gottschall is a graduate from West Point.

All three classes participated in a Community Legacy Project, collecting more than 1,100 pounds of food for America's Second Harvest of Coastal Georgia.

They also participated in the annual CrimeStoppers run.

In addition to the graduation, Chief Berkow promoted two officers - one Lieutenant and one Sergeant.

Jeff Olson, who most recently served in the Office of Professional Standards, was promoted to Lieutenant, while Michelle Halford, who was most recently assigned to the Chatham-Savannah Counter Narcotics Team (CNT) was promoted to Sergeant.

Both will assume supervisory patrol duties in West Chatham Precinct.

The new officers began their assignments on May 30.

St. Joseph's/Candler's to hold Multi-Generational Health Fair

Free prostate, colorectal, and blood sugar screenings, blood pressure checks, and other health risk assessments will be offered at the Sixth Annual Multi-Generational Health Fair from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. on Saturday, June 6 at the Georgia Infirmary, located at 1900 Abercorn Street.

The annual event will also include games, food,

and other entertainment.

The fair is sponsored by St. Joseph's/Candler in partnership with the Savannah Chapter of 100 Black Men of America.

Registration by Thursday, June 4 is required for free prostate screenings by calling St. Joseph's/Candler CareCall at: (912) 819-3368.

Mt. Carmel Celebrates 123rd Church Anniversary

Mt. Carmel Methodist Church, Inc., 2018 Grove Point Road will hold its 123rd Church Anniversary June 15-19, 2009 7:30 p.m. and June 21, 2009 11:00 a.m.

We invite everyone that


can to come out and worship with us as we celebrate this important milestone, and thank God for his continued blessings.

Dr. Dorsena J. Grant, Pastor.

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