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*Calm and Clamor*  
*The Paintings of Christopher Paul and*  
*The Sculptures of Duke Oursler*  
July 1, 2011 through August 13, 2011  
Main Gallery Averitt Center for the Arts  
*Free*

**FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE**

*Calm and Clamor:*  
*Exhibit Opening*

**STATESBORO, Ga., [June 22, 2011]** – The Averitt Center for the Arts’ “Calm and Clamor” exhibit will open in the main gallery on July 1. The exhibit will feature the paintings of Christopher Paul and the sculptures of Duke Oursler. Both artists address similar concepts but in very different media.

Paul seeks to capture dynamic moments in his paintings by layering puddles of water born color, coffee, and other mixed media. Paul’s work is deliberate yet unconscious, a poetic gesture of natural forces.

Oursler, a graduate of Georgia Southern, forges metal, hews stone and carves wood. He combines the elements into abstract expressions of time and the physics of space. His work is industrial and raw, yet refined. Oursler’s work is in stark contrast to the richly colored paintings of Paul.

Both artists rely on surface treatment, color, and the simplicity of their materials to capture the tangible essence of time and to express the collision of man mad with nature—one through painting, the other through objects.

The Opening Reception will be on July 1 at 7:00 p.m. Those who attend will be entered in a raffle for tickets for the Broadway hit *Hairspray*, a young Averitt STARS summer musical production.

“Calm and Clamor” is sponsored by East GA Regional Medical Center.

The Main Gallery is open Monday – Friday from 10:00 a.m. – 7:00 p.m. and on Saturdays from 10:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. Entrance to the Averitt Center for the Arts’ visual arts exhibitions are always free.

For information contact us at 912-212-2787 or visit us on the web at [www.averittcenterforthearts.org](http://www.averittcenterforthearts.org).

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## *Hairspray*

### **DATES AND TIMES:**

July 22 & 23, 2011 @ 7:30 p.m.

July 24, 2011 @ 2:00 p.m.

**COST:** \$15 Adults/ \$10 Youth

## *Hairspray*

*An Entertaining Musical featuring the Averitt Junior STARS*

**STATESBORO, Ga., [June 22, 2011]** – The Broadway hit *Hairspray* will be performed in the Emma Kelly Theater by the Averitt STARS for your enjoyment on July 22 and 23, 2011 at 7:30 p.m. and July 24, 2011 at 2 p.m.

*Hairspray* is a fun, musical social commentary on the American 60's. Tracy Turnblad, a plump teenager, dreams of dancing on *The Corny Collins Show*. She is discouraged from auditioning because of her size, although she is a better dancer than most of the kids on the show. Once Tracy musters the courage to audition, she is thrilled to be chosen to appear. She then becomes an overnight celebrity. After her success, Tracy launches a campaign to breakdown other social stereotypes on the show and in her hometown.

"I have always wanted to play Tracy," said Monica Mead, the Waynesboro, GA native who portrays the spunky lead character in the Averitt Junior STARS production. "She inspires me because she doesn't let the fact that she's different stop her from following her dreams and making a difference in her world."

"I love the fact that Tracy sees more to people than just what they look like on the outside," Mead continued. "She doesn't see fat or thin, black or white, she sees people as equals and friends."

"Plus, she has fabulous hair!" Mead concluded with a laugh.

This full length version of *Hairspray* is directed by Angie Hamilton and musical director Janice Smith. The choreography is by Lindsey Durden. The show is presented by Averitt Junior STARS.

Following an early *Hairspray* tradition, Tracy's mother, Edna, will be played by Scott Marchbanks. Penny, Tracy's perky best friend, will be played by Sydney Davis. Brooks Adams is the *Corny Collins Show* host. This comical musical features the singing and dancing talents of over 55 local actors.

"I couldn't have asked for a more talented and dedicated cast," said Hamilton. "They have had a lot of fun, yet have worked hard to bring you the best show they can. And I know they've forged true friendships that will outlast the performances, so the show has already had a positive influence – bringing together talented kids who didn't know each other and creating a theater family."

"This highly talented group has worked very hard to bring this entertaining musical to the Emma Kelly Theater. If you don't attend one of these performances, you'll be sorry you missed it," said Tim Chapman, Averitt Center for the Arts Executive Director.

*Hairspray* is sponsored by Ogeechee Technical College, East Georgia Foot & Ankle Center and hair is designed by Scott Durden of the new Pow-Dur Salon.

Tickets can be purchased by calling 912-212-2787 or by visiting the Emma Kelly Theater Box Office in downtown Statesboro Tuesday – Friday, 1:00 – 5:30 p.m.

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*Let's Get Artsy This Summer:  
Summer Camps*

**STATESBORO, Ga., [May 31, 2011]** – If you are looking for a way to entertain the kids this summer, Averitt Center for the Arts has the answer! Every week during the summer the Averitt Center offers different kinds of camps; age varies from camp to camp.

The variety of camps available varies from theatrical performances to artistic creations throughout the summer. Preschoolers will go on picnics and get messy with clay. Elementary students will make unique treasures and some may become a Disney Princess or dance like Hannah Montana. Older students will explore the ancient art of masks and have a chance to learn how to become a Broadway star. Students will have an opportunity to learn more about Picasso and art from the streets of Venice. There are a variety of camps to choose from to fit with each child's interest and passion.

The camps give each student a unique hands-on experience while giving them the opportunity to explore their creative side. Students will use their imagination through the educational theater and fine arts experiences offered at the Averitt Center programs. All camps include interaction with the instructor and other students.

The duration of the camps range from full week, half week, full day and half-day. Extended day-care is also available for an extra fee. Camp fees range from \$50-\$100; a few camps also require an additional supply fee. Students should bring a sack lunch and wear comfortable clothing and shoes. The Averitt Center will provide snacks and drinks.

Registration is due the Wednesday before the camp begins. Camps do have limited space based on instruction and staffing, so sign up soon.

For information and registration forms contact us at 912-212-2787 or visit us on the web at [www.averittcenterforthearts.org](http://www.averittcenterforthearts.org). Completed registration forms can be faxed to 912-212-2789, or turned into the Averitt Center.

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### **Southern Adventure's Hosts the Iron Eagle Challenge**

**STATESBORO, Ga.** – Contestants crawled in mud during the adventure race last Friday at Southern Adventure's 7<sup>th</sup> Annual Iron Eagle Challenge hosted on Georgia Southern's campus.

The race featured running, biking, and paddling challenges along with several mystery challenges.

"The mystery challenges were all random, but were challenging and fun," said Candace Cleverly, a GSU student.

Some of these mystery challenges included a slip-n-slide, astronomy, water balloon tossing, and a mud crawl.

The divisions of the race were split up into three categories Men's, Women's, and Co-ed with a total of 36 teams participating in the race. In the Men's division, Multiple Scoregasms with Channing Watson and Drew Libowsky had the best time at approximately 80 minutes. Monica Mulder and Melanie Mulder, Team Iowa, placed first in the Women's division with a time of 94 minutes.

"Iron Eagle was definitely one of the toughest races I've ever competed in, but the mystery challenges kept it fun and interesting. Teamwork was a must for the challenge, and I was lucky to have an awesome teammate to encourage me along the way," said Melanie Mulder, a GSU student.

The Smatherlands, Christina Smothers and Daniel Lanford finished as the top Co-ed team in 88 minutes.

The race tested the physical and mental abilities of every team.

"IEC was pretty incredible. I've never done anything like it," said Cleverly.

Don't worry! If you missed out on this adventure race, it comes back next year with new mystery challenges for those that are daring enough to compete.

For more information or photos, visit <http://welcome.georgiasouthern.edu/wellness/IEC/>.

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