

The Bologna Performing Arts Center (BPAC) will present Opera Memphis and Mississippi Opera's production of *The Barber of Seville* at 7:30 p.m., Tuesday, April 12, in the Delta and Pine Land Theatre and a pre-show lecture will be held at 6:30 p.m., in the Recital Hall. *The Barber of Seville* proves to be the finest comic opera in existence. From start to finish it is marvelously crafted, brilliantly inventive, and uproariously funny. The pre-show lecture will feature Opera Memphis General Director ,Ned Canty, and Opera Memphis Assistant Artistic Director ,Stephen Carey, for a whirlwind tour through the music, words, and history of Opera's most beloved comedy, *The Barber of Seville*.

Mr. Jeff Ross Capwell, a graduate of Delta State University, will return to the Delta State University campus as guest conductor. Mr. Capwell currently serves as Chairman and CEO for NCS, a diversified magazine sales company. He and his son, J. Ross Capwell III, also own Cambridge Marketing LLC in Selmer, TN, a telemarketing and fulfillment company for magazine publishers. Mr. Capwell graduated from Delta State University with a degree in music. He earned an M.A. in music and attended VanderCook School of Music. He holds an Executive MBA from Harvard Business School and did postgraduate studies at Magdalene College at Cambridge University. Mr. Capwell was a Band Director and Instrumental Music teacher for 12 years. He was elected to the DSU Music Hall of Fame in 1982, Outstanding Alumnus in 2002 and DSU Hall of Fame in 2007. Active in civic and professional activities, Mr. Capwell is a member of the Opera Memphis Board of Trust and Southern Growth Policies Board. A long time supporter of the music program at DSU, Mr. Capwell established the Jeff Ross Capwell Endowed Music Scholarship Program in 1981. In addition, the center lobby of the Bologna Performing Arts Center is named in honor of Mr. Capwell.

The Bologna Performing Arts Center would like to offer DSU alumni 50% off on all remaining seats for this performance with an Alumni Membership Card. Call the Bologna Performing Arts box office for tickets at 662-846-4626.