

WEEKLY ARTS CALENDAR

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MUSIC & DANCE

TODAY

Phil Keaggy. Briarwood Presbyterian Church. Easter praise and worship concert with the composer and guitarist. 6 p.m.

TUESDAY

Symphonic Celebration. Wallace Hall, Gadsden State Community College. Featuring the Alabama Symphony Orchestra with conductor Christopher Confessore. \$20/\$10 students. 256-543-2787. 7 p.m.

WEDNESDAY

Alabama Symphony Orchestra Symphonic Celebration. Huffman United Methodist Church, 711 Gene Reed Road. Christopher Confessore leads the free family concert. www.alabamasymphony.org. 7 p.m.

THURSDAY

Peter Fletcher in Concert. Leeds Community Arts Center, 8140 Parkway Drive. Featuring classical guitar selections from his recordings. Free. 6:30 p.m.

Three on a String. Summerfest Theater, 301 19th St. North. Full bar and refreshments available. \$30. 324-2424. March 31, April 2-3 and 7-9.

FRIDAY

A Cappella Choir Home Concert. Reid Chapel, Samford University. Free. 7:30 p.m.

SATURDAY

A Starlight Gala. Jemison Concert Hall, Alys Stephens Center, 1200 10th Ave. South. Featuring Natalie Cole. Proceeds benefit programming

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The Axum Obelisk of Ethiopia is depicted in this 1809 Henry Salt engraving, which will be shown Friday through next Sunday at Antique Nature Prints' sale and exhibition at Emmet O'Neal Library. Weighing in at 188 tons, the 78-foot, 1,700-year-old monument was stolen by Mussolini in 1937 and taken to Rome. Its return to Ethiopia next month will cost \$450 million.

obelisk (AHB-uh-lisk).
From Greek, *obelos*, spit or needle.

An obelisk is an upright, four-sided, monolithic pillar that tapers as it rises and usually terminates in a pyramid. The Washington Monument (550 feet) and Cleopatra's Needle (71 feet) in New York's Central Park are obelisks. In Birmingham, an obelisk in Linn Park is dedicated to Confederate soldiers.
— J. Gilbert Johnston Jr., founder and owner of Antique Nature Prints (251-7353).