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ARKADELPHIA, Ark.—Ouachita Baptist University will welcome Recycled Percussion for a one-night performance Monday, Oct. 27, at 7:30 p.m. in Jones Performing Arts Center. Tickets can be purchased for \$15 each at www.obu.edu/boxoffice.

Recycled Percussion is a high-energy, junk rock band that incorporates athleticism and humor into its performances. The group has maintained a show in Las Vegas for the past two years and performed more than 4,400 shows and corporate events in more than 15 countries.

The band has been voted National Act of the Year a record-breaking six times and featured on the cover of *USA Today* since its premiere on *America's Got Talent* in 2009. Recycled Percussion has also made guest appearances on *Carson Daly*, *The Today Show*, *China's Got Talent* and the Latin Grammy Awards.

Ouachita's resident percussion expert, Dr. Ryan Lewis, said the show will be enjoyable for anyone who has an appreciation for sound, especially for the tone color possibilities of instruments.

"Anyone who has ever tapped on a cooking pan or glass vase, enjoyed the sound of a pencil on a desk, or shaken a box of cereal or keys like a maraca will be immediately drawn into this performance experience," said Lewis, who serves as assistant professor of music at Ouachita.

Recycled Percussion's upcoming performance is the first ticketed event of the School of Fine Arts' newly expanded Guest Artist Series.

Fine Arts Administrator Adam Wheat said he believes Recycled Percussion will appeal to a broad audience because of the group's creativity and reputation.

"It's going to be a high-energy show," Wheat said, affirming the quality of the group and its performance. Wheat said he hopes Recycled Percussion's visit will increase students' interest and appreciation for programs that are already accessible to them through Ouachita.

"Art is all around us here; we have a lot of great faculty and student artists on campus all the time," Wheat said. "Our goal is not only to develop them and our audience through interactions with professional artists but also to draw attention to the quality of their work."

Tickets are \$15 each and may be purchased from the OBU Box Office weekdays from 1-5 p.m. Tickets also may be purchased online at www.obu.edu/boxoffice. Current Ouachita students may receive one free ticket by presenting their student ID at the box office. For more information, call the box office at (870) 245-5555 during business hours.

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