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ARKADELPHIA, Ark.—Ouachita Baptist University will host acrobatic duo Kamikaze Fireflies for a special, one-night experience Friday, Jan. 30, at 7:30 in Jones Performing Arts Center as part of the Ouachita School of Fine Arts' Guest Artist Series. Tickets can be purchased for \$10 each at www.obu.edu/boxoffice.

Showcasing their years of experience with strange tricks and vaudevillian arts, Los Angeles-based performers Rob Williams and Casey Martin bring a comedic approach to acrobatics that seeks to appeal to audiences of all ages. An act seen on *America's Got Talent*, this duo puts on a dynamic show that features "a series of routines, physical impossibilities, unbelievable situations and audience interactions."

America's Got Talent judge and comedian Howie Mandel said of the act, "It was dangerous. It was exciting. It was funny!"

"I think Rob and Casey's acrobatic tricks will certainly amaze audience members," said Adam Wheat, Ouachita's fine arts administrator. "But I think beyond that, the audience will be thoroughly entertained by their wit and humor."

Wheat has been working to expand the School of Fine Arts' Guest Artist Series.

"The Guest Artist Series allows us to bring in a variety of artists and events," explained Dr. Scott Holsclaw, dean of Ouachita's School of Fine Arts. "These larger events are geared not only toward the students and the Ouachita community but also to the larger Clark County constituency."

Along with the benefit of providing a broader range of artistic experiences for Ouachita and the local community, Wheat added, "These events also give students even more opportunities for interaction with professional artists, which further enhances their creative exploration."

Williams (formerly of The Flaming Idiots) and Martin (formerly of the acrobatic show Barely Balanced) have performed their vaudeville-style act nationwide, and their performance will be full of tricks, props, comedy, audience engagement and other surprises.

Tickets are \$10 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, including discounted rates for groups of 10 or more, call the box office at (870) 245-5555 during business hours.

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