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ARKADELPHIA, Ark.—Jillian Grace Turner will present her senior voice recital, “My Heart in Song,” at Ouachita Baptist University on Thursday, Jan. 22. The recital will take place at 7:30 p.m. in McBeth Recital Hall in Ouachita’s Mabee Fine Arts Center.

“I hope for my recital to be something people can just sit down, relax and enjoy,” Turner said. “Our lives are so busy these days that sometimes we just need to take a break. The selections in my recital are varied, so there should be something for all to enjoy.”

Turner, a vocal performance and piano major from Fort Worth, Texas, is a member of the Ouachita Singers and has played the roles of Adele in Ouachita’s production of *Die Fledermaus* and Yum Yum in *The Mikado*. She also was awarded first place in OBU’s Virginia Queen Piano Competition and the Inner and Outer Beauty Award at the 2013 Miss OBU Pageant. In National Association of Teachers of Singing (NATS) auditions, Turner has earned second place in the Southern Region’s lower music theatre division as well as semifinalist honors on the state and regional levels in various women’s and music theatre divisions.

Her recital music will include: Handel’s “Rejoice Greatly, O Daughter of Zion” from *Messiah*; Richard Strauss’ “Befreit” and “Morgen;” Leo Delibes’ “Ah! OÙ va la jeune indoue” from *Lakmé*; Ray Overholt’s “Ten Thousand Angels;” Sue C. Smith and Russel Mauldin’s “When Praise Demands a Sacrifice;” Rossini’s “La Danza” and “Son Bella Pastorella” as well as his “Una Voce Poco Fa” from *The Barber of Seville*; Victor Herbert’s “Italian Street Song;” and Kristen and Robert Lopez’s “For the First Time in Forever.”

“I am especially excited for my Rossini set of pieces which are all fast paced and exciting,” Turner added. “My prayer is that God will work through me as I sing and hopefully at least one person will feel inspired or convicted.”

Turner will be accompanied on piano by Phyllis Walker, OBU staff accompanist. For more information, contact Ouachita’s School of Fine Arts at (870) 245-5129.

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