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For Immediate Release

Bethany Gere and Cami Willis to present senior voice recital at Ouachita on March 10

By McKenzie Cranford

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ARKADELPHIA, Ark. – Ouachita Baptist University will host seniors Bethany Gere and Cami Willis in their senior vocal performance recitals Tuesday, March 10, at 7:30 p.m. in Mabee Fine Art Center's McBeth Recital Hall on Ouachita's campus. The recital is free and open to the public.

"I have been thinking of this night since freshman year," Gere said. "I can't believe it's finally here. I hope everyone enjoys the performances."

Gere, a musical theatre and communication sciences and disorders double major from White Hall, Ark., has earned the second place finishes in the musical theatre, sophomore women and freshmen women divisions of the state National Association of Teachers of Singing auditions as well as second place in sophomore women at the regional level. She also is a member of Alpha Psi Omega national theatre honor society, Theta Alpha Phi national honor fraternity for theatre arts and OBU Women's Chorus. Willis, a musical theatre and church media/production arts double major from Flower Mound, Texas, is a member of Alpha Psi Omega and Pi Kappa Lambda national music honor society.

The seniors will perform together for Green Day's "21 Guns" from *American Idiot* and Act 1, Scene 4 from Matt William's *Between Daylight and Booneville*. Accompanying Gere and Willis for the recital will be John Alec Briggs on piano.

Gere will perform solos of Richard Rodgers' "I Have Confidence" from *The Sound of Music*, Clark Gesner's "Crabbiness Survey" from *You're a Good Man Charlie Brown*, Stephen Schwartz's "No Good Deed" from *Wicked*, Frank Wildhorn's "How 'Bout a Dance?" from *Bonnie and Clyde* and Marc Shaiman's "Don't Forget Me" from *Bombshell*.

Willis' solo performance will include Jule Styne's "Don't Rain on My Parade" from *Funny Girl*; Dave Stewart and Glen Ballard's "With You" from *Ghost the Musical*; Act 2, Scene 2 from Neil Simon's *Barefoot in the Park*; Jonathan Larson's "Therapy" from *Tick, Tick ... Boom!*; and Bjorn Ulvaeus and Benny Anderson's "You Have to Be There" from *Kristina*.

For more information, contact OBU's School of Fine Arts at (870) 245-5129.

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