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Ouachita Baptist University
School of Fine Arts

Division of Music

presents

Naoki Hakutani

Pianist

Guest Artist Recital

Monday, April 16, 2012, 7:30p.m.
W. Francis McBeth Recital Hall
Mabee Fine Arts Center

Program

**Souvenir de Bohême en forme
de Polkas, Op. 13**

No. 1 E minor

No. 2 E-flat major

Bedřich Smetana
(1824-1884)

**From Harmonies poétiques
et religieuses III, S. 173**

No. 3 Bénédiction de Dieu dans la solitude

Franz Liszt
(1811-1886)

Intermission

Litany: In Memory of Michael Vyner (1900)

I. Adagio

II. Lento misterioso

Toru Takemitsu
(1930-1996)

Rain Tree Sketch II: In Memory of Olivier Messiaen (1992)

Five Haiku (2007)

Paul Dickinson
(b. 1965)

The Artist

Pianist **Naoki Hakutani** is an assistant professor of piano at the University of Arkansas at Little Rock, where he joined the faculty in 2008. Originally from Kent, Ohio, Dr. Hakutani holds degrees in piano performance from Northwestern University, Indiana University at Bloomington and the University of Texas at Austin, where he served as a Teaching Assistant in the Piano Department. In addition to teaching studio piano and group piano at UALR, Dr. Hakutani is the Director of the Artsprece Concert Series and the Director of the UALR Piano Festival and is very active nationally and internationally as an educator, having conducted master classes throughout the United States, Mexico and Asia. Most recently, he presented master classes at The University of Wisconsin at River Falls, Suncheon University, Sejong University, Seoul Jangsin University and Honam Theological University.

Dr. Hakutani is very active as a solo and collaborative pianist, including joint appearances with his wife, Dr. Jaeyeon Park-Hakutani, as well as performing with *The Three Pianists*. He has also performed as a soloist and collaborator across the United States as well as Mexico, Japan, Korea and Taiwan. Recent performances include an appearance with the Korea Sinfonietta at Youngsan Art Hall in Korea as well as a lecture recital on the music of Franz Liszt at the Seoul National University of Education. Hakutani has also recently appeared in recital at Southeast Missouri State University, University of Missouri at Columbia and Universidad de Ciencias y Artes de Chiapas in Mexico.

He was a prizewinner of the Young Texas Artists Competition in 2001 and was the pianist of the Auberon Trio, which in 2005 received Second Prize at the WRR Chamber Music Competition in Dallas, Texas sponsored by Chamber Music International.