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ARKADELPHIA, Ark. – The Ouachita Baptist University Division of Music will present the premiere concert of Ouachita Chamber Winds, an OBU instrumental ensemble, on Monday, March 16, at 7:30 p.m. in McBeth Recital Hall on Ouachita's campus. The concert is free and open to the public.

"The group was formed to give our students the opportunity of playing and listening to instrumental chamber music. Instrumental music has a rich repertoire of chamber music that our students haven't experienced," said Dr. Craig Hamilton, Lena Goodwin Trimble professor of music and director of bands. "We are playing literature that showcases music written for small ensembles of woodwind and brass instruments."

The program will include the following selections: Charles Gounod's "Petite Symphonie," Richard Strauss' "Serenade in Eb, Op. 7" and Gordon Jacob's "Old Wine in New Bottles."

Acknowledging his excitement in premiering the ensemble, Hamilton said, "I think the audience will enjoy the music and the unique sounds created by the Chamber Winds."

Chamber Winds includes 14 students from Ouachita's instrumental music programs.

Flutists include Elizabeth Baker, a senior instrumental music performance and psychology major from Grapevine, Texas, and Sarah Coles, a sophomore accounting major from Van Buren, Ark.

Jordan Beard, a senior worship ministry major from Frisco, Texas, will perform on the oboe.

Students performing on the trumpet include Blake Turner, a freshman music major from Fort Worth, Texas, and Alexandra Lawson, a sophomore accounting major from Texarkana, Texas.

Rachel Clifton, a freshman instrumental music education major from Alma, Ark., will perform on the euphonium.

Clarinetists include Chelsea Villanueva, a senior instrumental music performance major from Bentonville, Ark.; Becky Bloodworth, a sophomore instrumental music education major from Carrollton, Texas; and Ashley Lovely, a sophomore music major from Van Alstyne, Texas.

The bassoon will be played by Wes Savage, a junior worship arts major from Rudy, Ark.

Allison King, a senior music major from Fort Worth, Texas, will perform on the bass clarinet.

Hornists include Elizabeth Lawson, a senior instrumental music education major from Texarkana, Texas, and Seth Daniel, a freshman music composition major from Arkadelphia, Ark.

Justin Massey, a junior instrumental music education major from Weatherford, Texas, will perform on the bass.

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