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ARKADELPHIA, Ark.—Ouachita Baptist University's annual Composers Symposium concert will be held Monday, April 20, at 7:30 p.m. in Mabee Fine Arts Center's McBeth Recital Hall. The performance is free and open to the public.

The Ouachita Symposium of Contemporary Music is a concert of compositions written by Ouachita students. This year the program will feature several Ouachita students and faculty members performing new pieces.

The concert features compositions by three Ouachita students: Caroline Dunlap, a sophomore piano performance major from Little Rock, Ark.; Sean Jackson, a senior music composition major from Milton, Fla.; and John David Whitmore, a senior music major from Rogers, Ark.

Dr. Patrick Houlihan, professor of music, assisted and encouraged the students in completing their composition process.

"There aren't words that can adequately express the feelings of seeing inexperienced beginners ... grow into musicians who create impressive music," Houlihan said. "These students not only improve as composers, they also acquire the ability to read scores and listen to music with the kind of insight that can only be gained through the process of writing music."

Houlihan affirmed that this will be a great performance for spectators to enjoy. "Hearing a premiere is exciting," he noted. "Members of the Ouachita community and the southwest Arkansas region who attend get the additional excitement of supporting artistic creation by composers in this area."

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