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NEWS

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Arkadelphia Chamber Players to present concert at Ouachita Sept. 20

By Ali Robinson

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ARKADELPHIA, Ark.—Ouachita Baptist University will host a guest concert featuring the Arkadelphia Chamber Players on Sept. 20 at 2 p.m. in McBeth Recital Hall located in Mabee Fine Arts Center. The concert is free and open to the public and will be followed by a reception featuring work by local artists.

Dr. Heather Thayer, assistant professor of music at Ouachita, along with several other professors from both Ouachita and Henderson State University will perform at the inaugural concert.

"I enjoy the opportunity to rehearse and perform chamber music with other talented musicians," Thayer said. "I am also looking forward to meeting members of the community and developing more of a connection with music fans in Arkadelphia."

Thayer had the original idea to form the group and began working with colleagues to get it started. The Arkadelphia Chamber Players ranges from 10 to 15 performers from within the community. The group plans to present three to four performances a year, with the next concert taking place in early 2016.

Current members of the group include: Jennifer Amox and Kristin Grant on flute; Dr. Steve Becroft on clarinet; Amy Laursen, Amy Stokes and Dr. Heather Thayer on horn; Dr. Craig Hamilton and Dr. Jim Buckner on trumpet; Justin Isenhour on trombone; Dr. Jamie Lipton on euphonium; Todd Cranson on tuba; Margaret Jones on violin; and Adam Haas, Glenda Aldridge and Dr. Hee-Kyung Juhn on piano. Dr. Rick Dimond and Dr. Ryan Lewis also will be performing on percussion.

The concert will begin with "Philharmonic Fanfare for Brass Trio" by Eric Ewazen, followed by "Contrasts for Violin, Clarinet and Piano" by Bela Bartok, "Marches Timbales" by Andre and Jacques Philidor, "Concerto for Two Horns and Piano" by Ferdinand Ries, "Au-Dela Du Temps for Two Flutes and Piano" by Yuko Uebayashi. The concert will conclude with "Selections from Balkan Brass Band Music."

The reception following the concert will be held in the Mabee Fine Arts Center lobby. Local artists will display their work, and guests will have the opportunity to meet with the musicians and artists.

For more information about the concert, contact Dr. Heather Thayer at thayerh@obu.edu or (870) 245-4172.