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ARKADELPHIA, Ark.—Ouachita Baptist University's Department of Theatre Arts will present its fall children's musical, *James and The Giant Peach*, Sept. 23-28 in Verser Theatre on the Ouachita campus. Show times are 8 p.m. on Sept. 23, 7 p.m. on Sept. 24-26 and Sept. 28 and 2:30 p.m. on Sunday, Sept. 27.

Based on the book by Roald Dahl, this newly adapted play follows protagonist James Henry Trotter, who, after his parents are killed by an escaped rhinoceros, is forced to live with his two cruel aunts. One summer afternoon, James stumbles across a strange old man who gives him the recipe for happiness and great adventures.

“This show is a culmination of musical wit and humor that is perfect for all ages and people,” said Kyle Osmon, a senior musical theatre major from Rogers, Ark. Osmon serves as stage manager and assistant director for the show. He added that the production “is an incredible show that balances pure imagination and spectacle right before your eyes.”

Director Scott Holsclaw, professor of theatre arts, said he “is excited about the opportunity to bring this musical to Ouachita because the musical version has just recently been released.”

Holsclaw added that the cast and crew “have worked so hard over the past few weeks for this musical. The amount of time we have had to get everything together was quicker than most productions that the theatre department will produce this year.”

Tickets are \$10 each and may be purchased from the OBU Box Office weekdays from 1-5 p.m. Tickets also may be purchased online at www.obu.edu/boxoffice. Current Ouachita students may receive one free ticket upon presentation of their student ID at the box office. For more information, call the box office at (870) 245-5555 during business hours.

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