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ARKADELPHIA, Ark.—Ouachita Baptist University will host guest bass trombonist Gerry Pagano for a recital on Tuesday, March 1, at 7:30 p.m. in McBeth Recital Hall. The recital will be free and open to the public.

Pagano is a member of the St. Louis Symphony Orchestra and has performed throughout the world in many different styles, such as Dixieland, marching band, big band jazz, disco, salsa, opera and ballet. He has also performed in Broadway performances of *A Chorus Line* and *Annie* and with musical stars Sammy Davis Jr., Bob Hope and Johnny Mathis.

"Gerry is one of the preeminent bass trombonists in the country and a consummate musician. Having someone of his talent performing a free recital in Arkansas is rare," said Dr. Justin Isenhour, OBU assistant professor of music.

Pagano earned his bachelor's and master's degrees from The Julliard School. He has taught low brass at the University of Missouri at St. Louis for eight years. Pagano is a founding member of the St. Louis Low Brass Collective, which seeks to support and promote education and performance of low brass musicians in the St. Louis area.

Pagano's performance will begin with "Brobdingnag" by Rob Deemer, followed by "Meditation Poetiques" by Olivier Boreau and "Worlds Apart" by Frank Gulino. A brief intermission will follow, and the performance will conclude with "Distant Channels" by Martin Kennedy, "Pastorale" by Eric Ewazen and "South of the Pole" by Brian Hodges.

During his performance at Ouachita, Pagano will be joined by Isenhour on trombone as well as Dr. Ryan Lewis, assistant professor of music, on percussion, and Dr. Adam Haas, visiting assistant professor of music, on piano.

Pagano will perform many different styles of music during the recital, giving those in attendance the opportunity to hear the full range of his talents.

"This recital showcases the vibrant music culture at OBU and provides our students with the opportunity to learn from an amazing performer," Isenhour added.

Pagano has released two CDs, *Departure* (2008) and *Connections* (2011), and has performed at numerous music festivals, such as The Grand Teton Music Festival, Interlochen Center for the Arts, Carmel Bach Festival and The City of Waterloo Music Festival.

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