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By Sarah Davis

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ARKADELPHIA, Ark.—Ouachita Baptist University's Division of Fine Arts will host world-renowned opera singer, Amy Pfrimmer, in a collaborative concert with Ouachita's John Alec Briggs on piano. The recital will be held on Sept. 8, 2016, at 7:30 p.m. in McBeth Recital Hall in Mabee Fine Arts Center. The concert is free and open to the public.

The recital will feature 20th century American music, including pieces from such composers as Amy Beach, Leonard Bernstein and Rudolf Friml.

Pfrimmer received her Master of Music degree from Loyola University and Bachelor of Music degree from Louisiana State University. Her singing career includes a broad range of experience from opera to contemporary musical theatre. She has sung professionally in the U.S. as well as Europe, including performances in the Montreal Opera, Mozart Festival Opera and New World Symphony. Pfrimmer currently is assistant professor of music at Tulane University, where she recently was named the Lillian Gerson Watsky Professor in Voice.

"I have heard Amy's singing before and she is wonderful. It's a real treat for us to host her at Ouachita, and I hope a lot of people take advantage of this opportunity," said Dr. Jon Secrest, Addie Mae Maddox Professor of Music and coordinator of vocal studies at Ouachita.

John Alec Briggs serves as lecturer of music at Ouachita. A Ouachita alumnus, he went on to graduate school at Tulane University and Louisiana State University, where he became friends with Pfrimmer.

"Amy and I have always wanted to do a concert together and finally were able to coordinate our calendars," Briggs noted.

"There will be a really neat chemistry that will exist between the performers that I think people will want to come and bear witness to," Secrest added.

For more information about this concert or Ouachita's vocal studies program, contact Dr. Jon Secrest at secrestj@obu.edu or (870) 245-5134.

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