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ARKADELPHIA, Ark.—Ouachita Baptist University's annual Ouachita Singers and Women's Chorus fall concert will be held on Tuesday, Oct. 18, at 7:30 p.m. in Mabee Fine Arts Center's McBeth Recital Hall located on OBU's campus. The concert is free and open to the public. The two groups also will release their new CD, "City Called Heaven," for sale at the concert for \$15 each.

Women's Chorus meets to practice three times a week. In addition to performing in the fall concert, the Women's Chorus travels to local churches to sing.

Dr. Becky Morrison, OBU assistant professor of music, serves as director of Women's Chorus. She said people can expect to hear "beautiful music" at the concert.

Ouachita Singers is Ouachita's premier choral ensemble and is directed by Dr. Gary Gerber, dean of OBU's School of Fine Arts. He said the concert will feature a variety of choral music.

"We don't just choose music that's contemporary or written in the 21st century, but we go back and take music from different periods of music history," Gerber said.

Kimberley Attaway, a senior music education major from Austin, Texas, serves as the choir's senior assistant director. This gives her the opportunity to choose, rehearse and conduct a piece for the concert.

"Being in an all-women ensemble is such a unique opportunity and experience," Attaway said. She will conduct "Nothin' Gonna Stumble My Feet" by Greg Gilpin and John Parker.

The set list for the Women's Chorus also will include: Z. Randall Stroope's "Dies Irae," Andrea Ramsey's "Jesu," Dan Forrest's "And Can It Be?," Charles H. Gabriel's "Will the Circle Be Unbroken?" and "When He Is Silent" by Kim André Arnesen. The Arnesen selection's lyrics were found written on the walls of a concentration camp.

The first half of the concert will feature the Women's Chorus while the second half will feature the Ouachita Singers.

The set list for the Ouachita Singers includes: Giovanni Pierluigi da Palestrina's "Sicut cervus," the traditional South African freedom song "Tshotsholoz," the traditional spiritual song "Great God Almighty," Tomás Luis de Victoria's "Ave Maria," Ludovico da Viadana's "Exsultate Justi," Richard Farrant's "Lord, for Thy Tender Mercy's Sake," Jake Runestad's "Nyon, Nyon" and Eriks Esenvalds' "Only in Sleep."

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