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ARKADELPHIA, Ark.—Ouachita Baptist University's Division of Music will host pianist Dr. Cole Burger in concert on Thursday, March 2, at 7:30 p.m. in McBeth Recital Hall in Mabee Fine Arts Center. The recital, which is part of Ouachita's Guest Artist Series, is free and open to the public.

Burger is an instructor in the College of Musical Arts at Bowling Green State University, where he teaches and coordinates class piano and piano pedagogy. He holds degrees in piano performance and economics from Northwestern University and the University of Texas.

Burger will perform works from standard classical repertoire as well as works by living modern composers. The program for the evening includes: "Prelude on F" and "Fugue on A flat" by John S. Hilliard; "Prelude and Fugue in G minor, BWV 885" by J.S. Bach; "Sonata No. 41 in A major, Hob. XVI: 26" by Franz Joseph Haydn; "A Distant Voice of the Rain Forest (2005, rev. 2013)" by Ng Chong Lim; "Rapsodia Nusantara No. 18 (2016)" by Ananda Sukarian; "4 Skazki, op. 26" by Nikolai Medtner; and "RedLine (1999)" by Steven Bryant, a 1994 Ouachita graduate.

As a solo and collaborative pianist, Burger has performed throughout the U.S., Europe and Asia, including Carnegie Hall's Weill Recital Hall, Rome's Teatro di Marcello, the Romanian Athenaeum in Bucharest, the Goethe Institute in Bangkok, the American Cathedral in Paris and the U.S. Ambassador's Home in Malaysia.

Burger has won prizes at the American Protégé International Piano and Strings Competition, Seattle International Piano Competition, the American Prize in Piano Performance and the Janice K. Hodges Contemporary Piano Performance Competition.

Ouachita's Guest Artist Series allows the university to invite musicians and artists both nationally and internationally to share their arts on campus and in the community. For more information, contact Dr. Gary Gerber, dean of the School of Fine Arts, at gerberg@obu.edu or (870) 245-5128.