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By Katie Smith

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ARKADELPHIA, Ark.—Ouachita Baptist University will host Lizzie Shelby in her senior vocal recital on Thursday, March 16, at 7:30 p.m. The recital will be held in Mabee Fine Arts Center's McBeth Recital Hall on Ouachita's campus, and admission is free and open to the public.

Shelby is a senior vocal performance major from McKinney, Texas. She has also been named a state and regional finalist in the National Association of Teachers of Singing auditions and has performed in the Arkansas Intercollegiate Choir.

Shelby will present several songs in several languages. "I had certain requirements for languages and the types of pieces I could choose," she explained. "I worked with my voice teacher, and I think we came up with a great program together. I think these pieces will show how much I have grown as a performer since coming to Ouachita."

Shelby will begin her recital with "Mostri dell' Erebo" from Alessandro Scarlatti's *La Fede Riconosciuta*. She will then perform "Rejoice Greatly, O Daughter of Zion" from George Handel's *Messiah*, "Er Ist's" and "Das Verlassene Mägdlein" from Hugo Wolf's *Mörike-Lieder* and "Ah! Je ris de me voir" from Charles Gounod's *Faust*. Shelby will then perform two pieces from Douglas Moore's *The Ballad of Baby Doe*, "The Willow Song" and "Dearest Mama," and "Laurie's Song" from Aaron Copland's *The Tender Hand*. She will continue her recital with Eric Whitacre's *Five Hebrew Love Songs*: "Temuná," "Kalá Kallá," "Lárov," "Éyze Shéleg" and "Rákut." She will close her performance with "Rain Has Fallen," "Sleep Now" and "I Hear an Army," all from Samuel Barber's *Opus 10*.

"My favorite pieces to perform are the *Five Hebrew Love Songs*," Shelby said. "The pieces are done with violin and tambourine. The set is just beautiful, and I can't wait to perform them for an audience!"

Shelby is a student of John Alec Briggs, adjunct lecturer in music, and Suzetta Glenn, lecturer in music. Susan Monroe, Ouachita staff accompanist, will accompany Shelby on piano during the recital. Dr. Heather Thayer, assistant professor of music, and Stephen Vaughn, a junior music major from Hot Springs, Ark., also will accompany Shelby for part of the recital.

For more information, contact OBU's Department of Fine Arts at (870) 245-5129.

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