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ARCADELPHIA, Ark.—Ouachita Baptist University's School of Fine Arts will host The Bob Boyd Sounds in concert Oct. 2, 2018, as part of its Guest Artist Series. The concert, which is free and open to the public, will be held at 7:30 p.m. in Jones Performing Arts Center.

The Bob Boyd Sounds is a music group that specializes in big band and jazz music from the 1930s to the 1990s. Although the band plays swing and popular jazz most of the time, they have presented works ranging from Mariachi to Irish and Western Swing.

"Just about the time you think you have us 'pigeonholed' as one type of band, we will astonish you with a tune that is totally different!" noted the band's website.

The Bob Boyd Sounds originally was formed as The Bob Boyd Trio in 1991 by Bob Boyd, David Higginbotham and Randy McDonald. The trio has grown to include Sim Flora, Ouachita professor emeritus of music.

Flora "is outstanding as our trombonist and flautist, and also does some masterful vocal work," Boyd said.

Higginbotham directs and writes music in addition to playing upright bass, guitar and singing lead. McDonald plays drums, sings and doubles piano and bass. Boyd plays piano and sings.

"All four of us are bandleaders in our own right. But the sum is greater than the parts. We have played together so much that we can anticipate each other's every move, every note," Boyd added. "I look forward to every concert, to every tune. Sometimes all our new ideas just tumble over each other in exuberance. Jazz began as fun music, and we have put the fun back into it."

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