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ARKADELPHIA, Ark.—Ouachita Baptist University's Division of Music will present the Women's Chorus and Ouachita Singers in their spring concert Thursday, April 18, at 7:30 p.m. in McBeth Recital Hall. The concert is free and open to the public.

The concert will begin with performances by the Women's Chorus, including Alice Parker's arrangement of the traditional hymn "Hark I Hear the Harps Eternal," Daniel Jackson's arrangement of the South African greeting song "Hlohonolofatsa" and Dan Forrest's arrangement of the hymn "Lord of the Small." Next, they will perform Craig Hella Johnson's arrangement of Carly Simon's "Let the River Run," "Oceans and Stars" by Amy F. Bernon and Randy Newman's "When She Loved Me" from *Toy Story 2* before concluding with Kevin T. Padworski's arrangement of the traditional Easter text "Vidi Aquam."

The concert will then transition to performances by the Ouachita Singers. To begin, the Ouachita Singers will perform Giacomo Puccini's "Humming Chorus" from *Madame Butterfly*, Giuseppe Verdi's "Chorus of the Hebrew Slaves" from *Nabucco* and Gilbert and Sullivan's "I Am the Very Model of a Modern Major-General" from *Pirates of Penzance*. The Ouachita Singers will then present Henry Purcell's "Dido's Lament" from *Dido Aeneas* and Giuseppe Verdi's "Anvil Chorus" from *Il Trovatore* before concluding with Jacques Offenbach's "Neighbor's Chorus" from *La Jolie Parfumeuse*.

“The Ouachita Singers’ portion of the spring concert will involve six of the most popular opera choruses from the 17<sup>th</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup> century,” said Dr. Gary Gerber, dean of the School of Fine Arts, professor of music and conductor of the Ouachita Singers. “The audience will recognize this music, which has been popularized by its use in film, television shows and commercials. The history behind each chorus will be shared with the audience to give context to its use in the opera.”

Becky Morrison, assistant professor of music, will conduct Women’s Chorus. Accompanists for the concert are Dr. Mary Chung, assistant professor of music at Ouachita, and Elsen Portugal, accompanist for Ouachita’s Division of Music.

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