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ARKADELPHIA, Ark.—Ouachita Baptist University's steel drum bands will present their spring concert on Wednesday, May 1, at 8 p.m. in McBeth Recital Hall in Mabee Fine Arts Center. The concert will feature three ensembles: Tiger Steel, Pan Jouvét and Pan Harmony, an elementary student community band. The concert is free and open to the public. Joining the bands is guest artist Dr. Jeannine Remy, a world-renowned steel band scholar, composer and arranger.

Remy teaches steel drum courses at the University of the West Indies at St. Augustine in Trinidad. She also will work with the steel band students prior to the concert.

The program ranges in musical styles from the traditional calypso and soca music of Trinidad and Tobago to American pop and rock favorites.

"We hope to first and foremost make people smile and enjoy themselves!" said Dr. Ryan Lewis, associate professor of music at Ouachita and director of the steel ensembles. "We also want to expose audience members to the traditional calypso and soca music of Trinidad and Tobago, the birthplace of steel pans, as well as how versatile the instruments are and how many styles of music they can perform."

The concert selections include "Jump in the Line" and "Mary Ann" by Harry Belafonte, "Africa" by Toto, "Matilda" by King Radio, "Funkytown" by Lipps, Inc. and "Pan in A Minor" by Lord Kitchener. The concert will also feature Remy's arrangements of "Toco Band" by Lord Kitchener, "Try Jah Love" by Third World and "Rock the Boat" by Hues Corporation.

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