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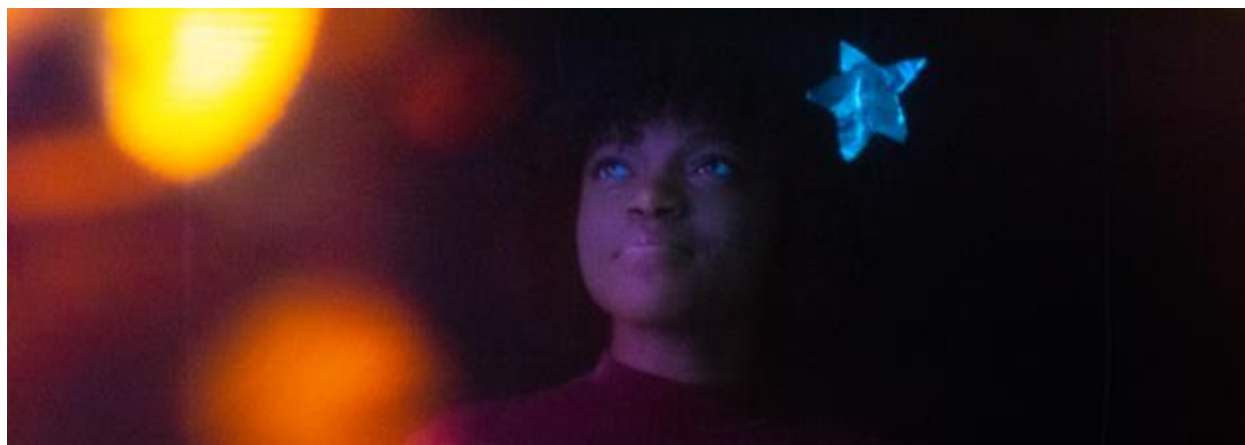
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**Wallace to present senior recital Oct. 18**

By Rachel Moreno

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ARKADELPHIA, Ark.—Ouachita Baptist University's Division of Music will host Sharayah Wallace in her senior recital on Friday, Oct. 18, at 2 p.m. in McBeth Recital Hall. The recital is free and open to the public.

Wallace, a senior musical theatre major from Bryant, Ark., is a National Association of Teachers of Singing (NATS) 2019 state finalist and semi-finalist as well as the recipient of the "Excellence in Ensemble Acting" award in the Kennedy Center American College Theatre Festival. Wallace is a student of John Alec Briggs, lecturer of music at Ouachita, and Joe Hernandez, assistant professor of theatre arts.

"My recital will be the first this school year to present the growth I've had and everything I've learned in my four years studying musical theatre at Ouachita," Wallace said.

Wallace will begin her recital with Fred Ebb and John Kander's "My Own Best Friend" from *Chicago*, followed by Act 1, Scene 1 from John Van Druten's *Bell, Book and Candle*. Next, she will perform Stephen Schwartz's "As Long As You're Mine" from *Wicked* and Act 2, Scene 1 from August Wilson's *Fences*. To conclude, Wallace will perform Jule Styne's "Being Good" from *Hallelujah, Baby!* and Stephen Bray, Brenda Russell and Allee Willis' "The Color Purple" from *The Color Purple*.

"I wanted to present my recital as a representation of who I am and what I stand for," Wallace said. "The pieces I chose are meant to display my vocal development and performance variety. I hope that my senior recital is well received as I share my truest passion."

Wallace will be assisted by Emma Lawyer, a junior musical theatre major from Wynne, Ark., who is also Wallace's co-choreographer, and Clay Mobley, a senior music industry major from Wylie, Texas. Phyllis Walker also will accompany Wallace on piano.

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

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