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ARKADELPHIA, Ark.—Ouachita Baptist University’s Division of Music will host the Jazz Band’s spring concert on Monday, Feb. 24, at 7:30 p.m. in Jones Performing Arts Center. The concert is free and open to the public.

“I hope everyone will come to the concert,” said Dr. Craig Hamilton, Lena Goodwin Trimble Professor of Music and director of bands. “We’ve prepared a varied program of jazz styles. It will be an enjoyable concert!”

The performance will feature “Point of Impact” by Jeff Jarvis, “Willow Weep for Me” by Ann Ronnell and arranged by Kris Berg and “Blue Bossa” by Kenny Dorham and arranged by Mark Taylor. In addition, the band will perform “SoCal Samba” by Les Sabina, “Sky Dive” by Freddy Hubbard and arranged by Erik Morales, “All the Things You Are” by Oscar Hammerstein II and Jerome Kern and arranged by Michael Sweeney and “Dance Big’un” by Ralph Ford. The program also will include “Emergency Stopping Only” by Craig Skeffington, “Log Rhythm” by Les Hooper and “Chewin’ the Fat” by Victor Lopez. Lastly, the band will perform “Everything” by Michael Bublé, Alan Chang and Amy Foster and arranged by W. Scott Ragsdale and “At Last” by Harry Warren and Mack Gordon and arranged by Dave Wolpe.

“The jazz band concert, more than any other concert, is an opportunity for the musicians to connect with the audience in a way that is unique to jazz,” said Austin Clements, baritone saxophonist and a senior social justice studies and history double major from North Little Rock, Ark.. “I hope the audience has fun more than anything else.”
Members of the band include:

On saxophone – Craig Crawford (alto), a sophomore instrumental performance and communications & media/multimedia journalism major from Texarkana, Texas; Kailee Morehart (alto), a senior music major from Alexander, Ark.; Katelyn Still (alto), a junior instrumental music education major from Benton, Ark.; Josh Sutton (alto), a freshman instrumental music education major from Lone Star, Texas; Cross Brandon (tenor), a sophomore instrumental music education major from Little Rock, Ark.; Graham Scarborough (tenor), a sophomore instrumental music education major from West Monroe, La.; Caleb Edmunds (baritone), a freshman music industry major from Weatherford, Texas; and Austin Clements (baritone), a senior social justice studies and history double major from North Little Rock, Ark.

On trombone – Cayli Campbell, a senior instrumental performance major from Texarkana, Texas; Andrew Coop, a senior worship arts major from Gladewater, Texas; and Allan Schroeder, a senior worship arts major from Carrollton, Texas.

On trumpet – Justin Trostle, a senior music industry major from El Dorado, Ark., and Jared Wainright, a sophomore social justice studies major from El Dorado, Ark.

On rhythm – Josh Conard (piano), a junior music major from Denton, Texas; Josh York (bass), a sophomore Christian Studies/Biblical studies & theology and Christian ministry double major from Texarkana, Texas; Richie Blosch (drums), a senior instrumental music education major from Fort Worth, Texas; and Ben Hodde (percussion), a freshman instrumental music education major from Bentonville, Ark.

Vocal – Paige Price, a senior musical theatre major from Plano, Texas.

The concert will be livestreamed at www.obu.edu/band. For more information, contact Dr. Craig Hamilton at hamiltonc@obu.edu or (870) 245-5137.

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