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ARKADELPHIA, Ark.—The Ouachita Baptist University Symphonic Band will perform in concert on Thursday, March 12, at 7:30 p.m. in Jones Performing Arts Center on Ouachita's campus. The concert is free and open to the public.

The Symphonic Band will perform a series of pieces, with some dating nearly 500 years since their original composition.

"I wanted the band to perform a variety of music from different periods in history representing the best in wind band literature," said Jim Lloyd, instructor of music and assistant director of bands.

The Symphonic Band will begin with a performance of "La Morisque," a selection from "The Danserye," by Tielman Susato and arranged by Patrick Dunnigan. Next, the band will perform "Colonial Song" and "Spoon River" by Percy Aldridge Grainger, "Night Dances" by Bruce Yurko and four movements of "Little English Suite" by Clare Grundman. The concert will conclude with "The Speech of Angels" by Stephen Melillo.

The Symphonic Band includes both music and non-music majors at Ouachita. According to Lloyd, many members of the Symphonic Band developed their skill during their high school years and wanted to continue making music in the collegiate setting for fun.

"Making music is a lifelong skill and passion," Lloyd said. "I'm so happy to be surrounded by students who want to continue making music throughout their life."

For more information about the Symphonic Band concert or for information to join the Symphonic Band, contact Jim Lloyd at (870) 245-4197 or lloydj@obu.edu.

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