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ARKADELPHIA, Ark.—Ouachita Baptist University's chapter of Alpha Psi Omega national theatre honor society will present its annual All Night Theatre: 10-Minute Play Festival on Saturday, March 14, at 7:30 p.m. This event, which is free and open to the public, will take place in Verser Theatre on Ouachita's campus.

The festival, which earned its title "All Night Theatre" from the timeline students receive to prepare their performances, showcases what students are able to achieve through a collaborative process. First, students submit original scripts to be approved by an anonymous panel of faculty, staff and students. Students audition Thursday evening, and casting is announced the next day. In addition to auditioning for an acting role, students may be selected to direct a show or help behind the scenes. Students then work all night to memorize lines, organize technical aspects and completely prepare their assigned show for Saturday performances.

Over the years, the accelerated pace of the event has attracted students like Dylan Blackwood, a senior musical theatre major from Walnut Ridge, Ark., who said, "It has a small time commitment, and is a fun excuse to pull an all-nighter.

"No one knows what play they will be working on," Blackwood added. "It allows for quick bonding and group activity-style teamwork. It is wonderful to see the art that is created in such a quick turnaround."

The entirely student-led event is guided by a triumvirate comprised of Alpha Psi Omega members. This year's triumvirate includes Blackwood; Molly Kennedy, a senior musical theatre major from Melissa, Texas; and Danielle Thompson, a junior theatre arts major from Benton, Ark.

The festival is free to attend and will be held from 7:30-9:30 p.m. in Verser Theatre.

For more information, contact Ouachita's Box Office at boxoffice@obu.edu or call (870) 245-5555 from 1-5 p.m. on weekdays.

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