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By Jessica Stewart

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ARKADELPHIA, Ark. -- Ouachita Baptist University's Division of Music will host Meredith Martin and Carli Sasser in their senior voice recital Friday, March 14. The recital will be held in Mabee Fine Arts Center's McBeth Recital Hall at 11 a.m. and is free and open to the public.

"I am really excited about this performance that I've been working toward for four years," Sasser said. "It's involved lots of hours of practice and hard work and I am so ready for it to be here."

"Carli and I have been really good friends since we came to OBU," Martin explained. "Our moms knew each other and even sang together, so this is a special experience for the two of us."

Martin is a senior choral music education major from Garland, Texas. She won 3rd place in the 2014 Shambarger Competition, is a National Association of Teachers of Singing finalist, serves as vice president of Ouachita Singers and also is in the Ouachita Concert Choir. Martin is a student of Dr. Margaret Garrett, assistant professor of music.

Martin's solo performances will include "Alleluia" from Antonio Vivaldi's *O Qui Coeli Terraeque Serenitas*, "Ah! non credea mirarti" from Vincenzo Bellini's *La Sonnambula*, "Verschwiegene Liebe" and "Elfenlied"

by Hugo Wolf, "Cacile" by Richard Strauss, "The Year's at the Spring" and "Ah! Love But a Day" by H.H.A. Beach and "I Shall Not Live in Vain" by Jake Heggie.

Sasser is a senior choral music education from Hamburg, Ark. She was a 2013 Tiger Tunes hostess, first runner-up on the 2013 Ouachita Homecoming Court, served on the Miss OBU court of honor in 2013 and 2014 and is currently the president of Ouachita Singers. Sasser is also a student of Dr. Margaret Garrett.

Sasser's solo performances will include "If Music Be the Food of Love" by Henry Purcell, "Suleika I" by Franz Schubert, "Ruhe, meine Seele!" by Richard Strauss, "Donde Lieta" from Giacomo Puccini's *La Boheme*, "By the River" from Maury Yeston's *December Songs* and "Late Last Night" and "Heart, We Will Forget Him" by Ricky Ian Gordon.

Martin and Sasser will end the recital together with the duets "Puisqu'ici-bas Toute Ame" and "Tarentelle" by Gabriel Fauré. Phyllis Walker will be the accompanist for the recital.

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