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ARKADELPHIA, Ark.—Dr. Natilan Crutcher, visiting assistant professor of music at Ouachita Baptist University, released an album of original instrumental compositions in November titled “Awakening.” The album was composed, recorded and edited by Crutcher.

“‘Awakening’ was inspired by my relationship with Jesus Christ,” Crutcher said. “Composing music is a gift from the Lord that I did not ask for or expect but that I now cherish and honor. I knew that if the Lord wanted me to produce this album, then it was going to be a blessing to someone.”

She added, “I knew when I had finished the album that it was different and unique, even to me. It did more than inspire me to continue to explore



*Photo 1 "Awakening" by Dr. Natilan Crutcher*

and nurture my love for music and my gift for composing. It opened my eyes to the impact and blessing that music, even instrumental music, could be to those who heard it.”

Crutcher said she hopes her compositions create a sense of peace for her listeners.

“In the times that we’re living in, where there is so much stress, conflict and pain, it provides an opportunity to escape all the noise and provides moments of clarity and reflection,” Crutcher said. “My only desire for those who listen to this music is that they are left with a sense of calm, peace and joy that they didn’t have before. I believe we all can use more of that right now.”

Crutcher earned a bachelor’s degree in voice performance from Lipscomb University in 2013. At West Virginia University, she earned a Master of Music degree in 2015 and a Doctor of Music Arts degree in 2019. Crutcher also previously produced an album titled “Expressions” that was released in October 2020.

“Awakening” and “Expressions” are available on streaming services including Apple Music, Spotify and Amazon Music. For more information on “Awakening,” contact Crutcher at [crutcher@obu.edu](mailto:crutcher@obu.edu) or at (870) 245-5144.

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