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ARKADELPHIA, Ark. — Ouachita Baptist University's Department of Theatre Arts will present its 23<sup>rd</sup> annual All-Night Theatre: A 10-Minute Play Festival on Saturday, March 11, at 7:30 p.m. in Verser Theatre. Hosted by the Alpha Psi Omega national theatre honor society, the festival is entirely student-run and is open to the public. Admission is free.

Following the performances, the playwrights and directors will allow the audience to ask questions about the plays.

Students are given the opportunity to submit a 10-minute play to be read and chosen for the festival by a panel of faculty and students. Each play is given a student director, cast and crew who have 24 hours to bring the written story to life. This event is highly recommended for students of all majors to get to know people and experience the creativity of fellow students.

"The festival has been a tradition in Ouachita's theatre department for more than 15 years. It is a chance for any Ouachita student to be involved at all levels of a theatre production – acting, directing, stage managing, tech, playwrighting – but it doesn't involve an extended time investment like our larger

productions," noted Eric Phillips, professor of theatre arts and department chair. "Students can run through the process in a couple of days and have a finished product in front of an audience. They also get to be part of the creative process of putting on an expressive event with their peers and know that they created it all with and for their fellow students."

For more information, contact the OBU Box Office weekdays from 1-5 p.m. at [boxoffice@obu.edu](mailto:boxoffice@obu.edu) or (870) 245-5555.