

# SWOSU Orchestra Plans October 12 Concert

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The Southwestern Oklahoma State University Symphony Orchestra, under the leadership of Dr. Robert Chambers, will present their first concert of the fall season this Tuesday, October 12, at 8:15 p.m. in the Fine Arts Center lobby on the Weatherford campus.

The concert is entitled, "All Saint-Saëns," and will showcase various students and faculty from the SWOSU Department of Music. Admission is free, and the public is invited.

Charles Camille Saint-Saëns (born Paris, 1835 and died Algiers, 1921) had a lengthy and productive musical career. A virtuoso pianist and organist, he was a significant figure in promoting French Symphonic music of the 19<sup>th</sup> century.

The program begins with *Marche Militaire Francaise* from the "Algerian Suite." This march of a rapid tempo turns to French Army Music for inspiration and ends with a bugle call. Also included is *Introduction and Rondo Capriccioso* in A Minor, with a violin solo performed by music therapy major Emily Liu. First performed in 1863, it was written for the famous violin virtuoso, Pablo de Sarasate.

The concert will also feature a favorite selection during the Halloween season, *Danse Macabre*, which opens with the clock striking midnight when all the skeletons come out to dance to death's fiddle,. The violin solo will be performed by Jaymes Kirksey.

Finally, Dr. Sophia Lee, director of the SWOSU music therapy program, will perform the second and third movements of *Piano Concerto No. 2 in G minor*. The concerto was premiered in 1868 by the composer himself with Anton Rubinstein conducting the orchestra.