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Opus Genetics to Participate in Upcoming Investor Conference in April

RESEARCH TRIANGLE PARK, N.C., April 02, 2025 (GLOBE NEWSWIRE) -- Opus Genetics, Inc. (Nasdaq: IRD), a clinical-stage ophthalmic biotechnology company developing gene therapies for the treatment of inherited retinal diseases (IRDs) and therapies for other ophthalmic disorders, today announced that George Magrath, M.D., Chief Executive Officer, will participate in the following upcoming investor conference in April.

Event:	RBC Capital Markets Ophthalmology Conference
Location:	Virtual
Presenter:	Dr. George Magrath
Date:	Thursday, April 3, 2025
Time:	12:15 p.m. – 12:45 p.m. ET
Format:	Fireside Chat

Company management will be available for one-on-one meetings during the conference. If you are interested in arranging a meeting, please contact your conference representative or send an email to ir@ocuphire.com. If available, a webcast link can be found on the Events page of the Opus Genetics' Investor website at https://ir.opusgtx.com/.

About Opus Genetics

Opus Genetics is a clinical-stage ophthalmic biotechnology company developing gene therapies to treat patients with inherited retinal diseases (IRDs) and other treatments for ophthalmic disorders. The pipeline includes adeno-associated virus (AAV)-based investigational gene therapies that address mutations in genes that cause different forms of bestrophinopathy, Leber congenital amaurosis (LCA) and retinitis pigmentosa. Our most advanced investigational gene therapy program is designed to address mutations in the LCA5 gene, which encodes the lebercilin protein and is currently being evaluated in a Phase 1/2 open-label, dose-escalation trial, with encouraging early data. BEST1 investigational gene therapy is designed to address mutations in the BEST1 gene, which is associated with retinal degeneration; we aim to obtain preliminary data from a Phase 1/2 study by the first quarter of 2026. The pipeline also includes Phentolamine Ophthalmic Solution 0.75%, a non-selective alpha-1 and alpha-2 adrenergic antagonist being investigated to reduce pupil size, and APX3330, a novel small-molecule inhibitor of Ref-1, being investigated to slow the progression of non-proliferative diabetic retinopathy. Phentolamine Ophthalmic Solution 0.75% is currently being evaluated in Phase 3 trials for treatment of presbyopia and reduced dim (mesopic) light low contrast vision following keratorefractive surgery. We have reached agreement with the FDA on a SPA for a Phase 3 trial to evaluate oral APX3330 for the

treatment of DR. For more information, please visit www.opusgtx.com.

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Forward Looking Statements

This press release contains forward-looking statements within the meaning of the Private Securities Litigation Reform Act of 1995. Such statements include, but are not limited to, statements concerning data from our clinical trials.

These forward-looking statements relate to us, our business prospects and our results of operations and are subject to certain risks and uncertainties posed by many factors and events that could cause our actual business, prospects and results of operations to differ materially from those anticipated by such forward-looking statements. Factors that could cause or contribute to such differences include, but are not limited to, those described under the heading “Risk Factors” included in our Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2024 and in our other filings with the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission. Readers are cautioned not to place undue reliance on these forward-looking statements, which speak only as of the date of this press release. In some cases, you can identify forward-looking statements by the following words: “anticipate,” “believe,” “continue,” “could,” “estimate,” “expect,” “intend,” “aim,” “may,” “ongoing,” “plan,” “potential,” “predict,” “project,” “should,” “will,” “would” or the negative of these terms or other comparable terminology, although not all forward-looking statements contain these words. We undertake no obligation to revise any forward-looking statements in order to reflect events or circumstances that might subsequently arise.

These forward-looking statements are based upon our current expectations and involve assumptions that may never materialize or may prove to be incorrect. Actual results and the timing of events could differ materially from those anticipated in such forward-looking statements as a result of various risks and uncertainties, including, without limitation:

- Our ability to successfully integrate the business of former Opus Genetics Inc. and manage our expanded combined product pipeline;
- Our ability to develop and obtain regulatory approval for newly acquired gene therapies to treat inherited retinal diseases;
- Our ability to obtain and maintain orphan drug designation or rare pediatric disease designation for our current and future product candidates;
- The success and timing of regulatory submissions and pre-clinical and clinical trials, including enrollment and data readouts;
- Regulatory requirements or developments;
- Changes to or unanticipated events in connection with clinical trial designs and regulatory pathways;
- Delays or difficulties in the enrollment of patients in clinical trials;
- Substantial competition, including from generic versions of our product candidates;

- Rapid technological change;
- Our development of sales and marketing infrastructure;
- Future revenue losses and profitability;
- Changes in capital resource requirements;
- Risks related to our inability to obtain sufficient additional capital to continue to advance our product candidates and our preclinical programs;
- Domestic and worldwide legislative, regulatory, political and economic developments;
- Our dependency on key personnel;
- Changes in market opportunities and acceptance;
- Reliance on third parties to conduct our clinical trials and supply and manufacture drug supplies;
- Future, potential product liability and securities litigation;
- System failures, unplanned events, or cyber incidents;
- The substantial number of shares subject to potential issuance associated with our equity line of credit arrangement;
- Risks that our licensing or partnership arrangements may not facilitate the commercialization or market acceptance of our product candidates;
- Future fluctuations in the market price of our common stock;
- Actions by activist stockholders;
- The success and timing of commercialization of any of our product candidates;
- Obtaining and maintaining our intellectual property rights; and
- The success of mergers and acquisitions.

The foregoing review of important factors that could cause actual events to differ from expectations should not be construed as exhaustive. Readers are urged to carefully review and consider the various disclosures made by us in this report and in our other reports filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission that advise interested parties of the risks and factors that may affect our business. All forward-looking statements contained in this press release speak only as of the date on which they were made. We undertake no obligation to update such statements to reflect events that occur or circumstances that exist after the date on which they were made.

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