

The Perfect Match

Utah Shakespearean Festival continues working partnership with SUU

Six plays opening in six days! It's unheard of in the theatre world at large, but it's business as usual at the Utah Shakespearean Festival. Add the glitz of a world premiere, and the Southern Utah University campus will be bustling with

excitement throughout the entire summer! SUU alums in nearly all the various aspects of theatrical productions, from sound and set technicians to costumers, are involved in bringing it all to life. Others are simply returning as playgoers to enjoy another great Festival season.

"Ever since the Festival began in the early '60s, we have always had a strong relationship with the students of Southern Utah University," said Festival Director **R. Scott Phillips**. "We currently have from 40 to 50 students employed this summer who provide a wide variety of talents and expertise. We hope to always provide an atmosphere that will continue to further their theatrical ambitions and help to develop their talents."

"We are delighted that nearly two dozen members of

the American Theatre Critics Association were here during opening week," said Festival Marketing Director **Kami Terry**. "They wrote reviews for each of their many news outlets. These are well-known people who regularly review professional and non-professional theatre across the country, including Broadway productions. That's the sort of attention the Festival is attracting these days."

Fred C. Adams' dream of a Shakespeare festival at Southern Utah University is now entering its 46th year. Since those early days when Adams and a handful of students performed outdoors on a temporary stage, the Festival has become recognized as being one of the world's finest. Of course, winning the 2000 Tony Award for outstanding regional theatre only validated what many theatre people already knew. Year in and year out, thousands of people come to Cedar City for the Festival and in the process discover one of the nation's finest Universities. The Festival's outreach programs and summer tour has encouraged a great many potential theatre arts students in many outlying areas to bring their talents, their hopes and dreams to Southern Utah University's marvelous multi-faceted Visual and Theatre Arts programs. It continues to be a wonderful partnership!

