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SUU Announces Edward and Carolyn Rondthaler Prize in Music

(Southern Utah University, Cedar City, UT) On February 18, 2009 at SUU's 10th Annual Scholarship luncheon, Elise Read was the recipient of the Edward and Carolyn Rondthaler Prize in Music. When asked about the scholarship, Elise stated: "I am extremely grateful for the Rondthaler Award and the many opportunities it will open up for me. . . . when Dean Byrnes read my name my jaw literally dropped open. I've never been so surprised in my entire life. I am so grateful to the many people who helped put the award together and especially to Carolyn Rondthaler." This \$3,000 prize goes to a student that has completed at least 60 credit hours at SUU and 20 credit hours in the field of Music.

Ms. Read, originally from San Diego, CA, transferred to SUU to study voice with Professor Carol Ann Modesitt and to pursue a Bachelor of Music in Vocal Performance. Since her arrival on campus she has been an outstanding vocal student and performer. Her career at SUU is highlighted by performances as Madame Pompous in *Too Many Sopranos* and First Lady in the German cast of *The Magic Flute*. Elise will perform this April in the Orchestra of Southern Utah's Halversen Young Artist Concert. After graduating from SUU, Elise hopes to earn a Masters degree in music performance.

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ABOUT THE COLLEGE

The Southern Utah University College of Performing and Visual Arts is comprised of the departments of Art and Design, Music, Theatre Arts and Dance, and a graduate program in Arts Administration. The College's affiliate organizations include the Braithwaite Fine Arts Gallery, American Folk Ballet, Utah Shakespearean Festival, the performance group Acclamation, and the SUU Ballroom Dance Company.

The College presents 100 performances, lectures, presentations, and exhibitions each year. Over 550 students are majoring in 16 different degree areas in the arts. Both liberal arts B.A. and B.S. degrees are offered, as well four professional degrees: Bachelor of Music (B.M.); Bachelor of Fine Arts (B.F.A.) in Studio Art, Graphic Design, and Arts Education; and the B.F.A. in Theatre. The College's Art and Design, Music, and Dance programs are nationally accredited. More than 60 full and part-time faculty and staff are engaged in teaching and mentoring students in their pursuit of a degree in the arts. The College regularly enrolls 1100 students each semester in over 195 classes on the SUU campus. For more information about the College of Performing and Visual Arts, contact the Office of the Dean 435-865-8561 or by e-mail at cpvamktg@suu.edu.