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***THE SEAGULL FLIES INTO SOUTHERN UTAH UNIVERSITY***

(Southern Utah University, Cedar City, Utah) The SUU department of Theatre Arts and Dance will perform *The Seagull*, directed by Richard Bugg. *The Seagull* will run January 29-31, 2009 and February 5-7, 2009 in the SUU Auditorium Theatre. Performances begin at 7:30 p.m. Tickets are \$10 for General Admission, \$8 for SUU Faculty and Staff, \$5 for students/children and SUU Students attend free with a valid Student ID.

A country setting in Russia forms the backdrop for this is a delicate story of searching for passion, love and identity. The audience will be seated on stage to enhance the intimacy and impact of the of this tragic comedy masterpiece by Anton Chekov.

The characters in *The Seagull* are searching for love and acceptance in order to find happiness. Nina (played by Jennifer Whipple) is searching for her dream: an actress. Konstantin (played by James Goodman) is searching for Nina's love; however, Nina is in love with Trigorin (played by Vince Major). This is only one of the four love triangles explored in *The Seagull*.

More information about the arts at SUU is available at 435-865-8800 or on our website at [www.suu.edu/arts](http://www.suu.edu/arts)

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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](mailto:cpvamktg@suu.edu).