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**SUU WIND SYMPHONY "TOUR OF EUROPE" CONCERT TO FEATURE U.S. PREMIER**

(Southern Utah University, Cedar City, Utah) The SUU Department of Music will present a Wind Symphony concert, "Tour of Europe," under the direction of Dr. Mark Stickney on Friday, December 4, 2009, at 7:30 p.m. The concert will take place at the Heritage Center Theater. Tickets are available online at [www.suu.edu/pva/arts](http://www.suu.edu/pva/arts), at the door or by calling (435) 586-7872. Ticket prices are \$6 for general admission, \$4 for SUU Faculty and Staff, \$4 for students and children, and SUU students attend free with a valid student ID.

The "Tour of Europe" concert will be the U.S. premier of "Wind Layers," a composition for wind symphony by Swedish composer Rolf Martinsson. In an email regarding the U.S. premier of his work, Martinsson said, "I am most happy that I will have the U.S. premier of my 'Wind Layers' in Utah with Mark conducting! I hope that 'Wind Layers' can be an exciting bridge for young performers between the two opposite worlds of tonality and atonality."

Other selections featured in the "Tour of Europe" will include "Moorside March," from "Moorside Suite" by Gustav Holst; "Trauermusik," an arrangement of Carl Maria von Weber's music by Richard Wagner; "Culloden," a piece based on Scottish folk songs; and "Der Traum des Oenghus," by Rolf Rudin, directed by guest conductor, Dr. Thomas Herb, assistant professor of music at SUU.

The SUU Wind Symphony is comprised of outstanding wind and percussion students, both music majors and non-music majors from every college on campus. The Wind Symphony is committed to the performance of the highest quality contemporary and traditional works in the wind band repertoire.

Innovative concerts, adventurous programming, and high level music making are the hallmark of this ensemble.

### **ABOUT THE COLLEGE**

The Southern Utah University College of Performing and Visual Arts is comprised of nationally accredited departments of Art and Design, Music, Theatre Arts and Dance, as well as a graduate program in Arts Administration. The College offers 16 different degree areas, including liberal arts Bachelor of Arts and Bachelor of Science degrees; professional Bachelor of Music and Bachelor of Fine Arts in art and theatre degrees; and a Master of Fine Arts in Arts Administration degree.

More than 60 full- and part-time faculty and staff are engaged in teaching and mentoring over 550 majors in the College. Over 1100 students enroll each year in over 195 arts classes on the SUU campus. The College presents 100 performances, lectures, presentations, and exhibitions each year.

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. 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).

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