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HOLLYWOOD FUN FOR THE WHOLE FAMILY

(Southern Utah University, Cedar City, Utah) The Acclamation touring troupe will perform famous songs from movie musicals during their spring jubilation. Acclamation will perform *Hooray for Hollywood: A Celebration of Movie Musicals* in the Auditorium Theatre at Southern Utah University, February 21, 2009 at 7:30 p.m. General admission is \$7.00; SUU students, faculty and staff tickets are \$5; Special family discount of \$20 for a family of 5.

The Acclamation performers will travel through Hollywood singing and dancing to songs of George and Ida Gershwin, Disney classics and Americana show tunes. This tribute will feature the famous songs, *Yankee Doodle Dandy*, *God Bless America*, *Singin' in the Rain*, *When You Wish Upon a Star* and *I Got Rhythm*. The Acclamation singers and dancers will sparkle their way through the magical land of movies entertaining the entire family.

The title song, *Hooray for Hollywood* opens this celebration. This has been a staple of the movie industry since 1937. This musical journey through the 1930s, 40s and 50s continues with a *Yankee Doodle Dandy Medley*. This medley contains classical Americana show tunes such as *Give My Regards to Broadway* and *God Bless America*. The dancers, while *Singin' in the Rain*, follow Disney's Pinocchio and Snow White down Hollywood's memory lane.

The Acclamation touring troupe consists of students from the Theatre Arts and Dance Department: Payden Adams ('11), Emilie Anderson ('10), Cesar Bojorquez ('11), Kayla Card ('10), Jessica Dansie ('11), Rhett Guter ('09), Trevor Hunt ('11), Matthew Marberry ('12), Jenny Smith ('12) and Katie Wackowski ('09).

Throughout the year, this touring group will perform at senior organizations, fundraising events, local schools and on campus. As the newest addition to the College of Performing and Visual Arts, the Acclamation song and dance troupe is the entertainment ambassadors of the College. Founded over a decade ago, as SUU "Show Choir," these Acclamation students enrich the lives of the SUU student body, the communities of Southern Utah and beyond through their musical performance.

More information about the arts at SUU is available at 435-865-8800 or on our website at 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.