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SUU MUSIC DEPARTMENT TO PRESENT OPERA SCENES: "VIXENS, RASCALS AND SAINTS"

(Southern Utah University, Cedar City, Utah) The Southern Utah University Department of Music will present Opera Scenes: "Vixens, Rascals and Saints" on Friday and Saturday, November 13 and 14, 2009, at 7:30 p.m. in Thorley Recital Hall. Tickets are available online at www.suu.edu/pva/arts or by calling (435) 586-7872, and 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.

"Vixens, Rascals and Saints" will feature a variety of scenes from operas and musical theatre, including selections from "Sweeney Todd," Mozart's opera "The Marriage of Figaro," "Wicked," and "The Sound of Music." Students enrolled in SUU's Opera/Musical Theatre course, taught by SUU Professor of Music Carol Modesitt, were responsible for selecting and directing the scenes, as well as creating the script for the show. The course is designed to provide a learning experience in performance study as well as directing. Professor Modesitt said, "This is a great learning opportunity for the students to be on the other side of the table. They learn valuable directing skills. Also, they learn how to be creative with a tiny budget."

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 at (435) 865-8561, or by e-mail at cpvamktg@suu.edu.

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