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**Rhett Guter plays the second wizard in *The Wizard of Oz***

(Southern Utah University, Cedar City, Utah) It turns out there is more than one wizard in the upcoming SUU production of *The Wizard of Oz*. Rhett Guter is turning out to be a wizard at balancing being a full time student, playing the role of the scarecrow and choreographing the show.

Playing both the scarecrow and the choreographer presents its challenges to Rhett. He enjoys being on the creative side and the performance side, even though it is more time consuming. "It has been incredible to see the show grow through all the production meeting as part of the creative team yet still grow with the cast as an ensemble," says Guter. He choreographed his own solo dance routine "If I Only Had a Brain" as well as the large ensemble dances.

Last spring, Rhett choreographed *Crazy for George: A Gershwin Review* as well as *How to Succeed in Business Without Even Trying*. Even though he is relatively new to choreography, Rhett has been dancing for several years. He has studied ballet, jazz, modern and tap.

Rhett Guter is a double major in theatre major (BFA) and dance (BS) and is the outstanding graduate in the theatre department this year. He will graduate in May and hopefully moving to NYC in the near future.

The SUU department of Theatre Arts and Dance will perform *The Wizard of Oz*. The show will run April 9-11, 13, 16-18, 2009, at 7:30 p.m., and April 11, 18 at 2:00 p.m., in the Auditorium Theatre. 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. The contributing sponsor of The Wizard of Oz is Walker Eternity Bridal & Prom.

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