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SUU Wind Symphony Highlights a Student Composition in Winter Concert

(Southern Utah University, Cedar City, UT) The Southern Utah University Music Department will present its second concert of the 2008-2009 Music Masterworks Series the SUU Wind Symphony Winter Concert on December 2, 2008 in the Heritage Center Theatre at 7:30 p.m. Tickets can be purchased by calling 435-586-7878 or at the door and are \$8 for general admission, \$6 for SUU Faculty and Staff, \$4 for students and children and SUU students attend free with a valid student ID. The Wind Symphony will present an evening of celebrated composers and the world premiere of *Portrait of a Soldier* composed by SUU Junior Music Education major Randy Dulaney.

Randy Dulaney's *Portrait of a Soldier* was inspired by a simple one-movement hymn entitled *Hymn of Courage* written for brass and percussion. The original hymn, performed by the SUU Brass Ensemble in the spring of 1998 and was well-received by those who attended. Randy felt considering current U.S. involvement in the middle- east, he needed to expand *Hymn of Courage*. *Portrait of a Soldier*, a four movement symphonic poem, is the result of this inspired effort.

Portrait of a Soldier follows the lives of the men and women who choose to serve their country. The music captures the feelings that soldiers might have, before leaving to battle, fighting for their country's freedom, mourning the loss of friends, and finally returning home. It's a piece that is not set in any one time period, or during any specific war, but allows the listener to reflect on the actions of brave soldiers who have fought for our nation's freedom since its birth.

Other pieces will include David Maslanka's *Give Us This Day*, a work about Buddhist philosophy and *Laude*, a composition by Howard Hanson consisting of a choral melody with eight variations and a finale.

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