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**SUU's DEPARTMENT OF MUSIC PRESENTS**  
**PIANIST ROBERT NAKEA**  
**PERFORMING CHOPIN 24 ETUDES**  
**AUGUST 27, 2014**

**Southern Utah University, Cedar City, Utah:** One of the piano repertoire's most challenging and revered works, *Chopin 24 Études* will be performed by pianist **Robert Nakea** in a free recital. Presented by the **Department of Music**, the recital starts at a special time **5:30pm** on Wednesday, **August 27, 2014**, in the **Thorley Recital Hall** within SUU's Music Building. **The performance is free and open to the public.**

*Frédéric Chopin's Études* are the foundation of a new system of technical piano playing that was radical and revolutionary the first time they appeared. They are some of the most challenging and evocative pieces of all the works in concert piano repertoire. Because of this, the music remains popular and often performed in both concert and private stages. Some are so popular they have been given nicknames; arguably the most popular of all is Op. 10, No. 3, sometimes identified by the names "Tristesse" (Sadness) or "Farewell" (L'Adieu), as well as the *Revolutionary Étude* (Op. 10, No. 12). Although no nicknames are of Chopin's original creation, they create interesting pretext and encourage the imagination to fabricate epic works embodied by these studies.

**Robert Nakea**, originally from Hawaii, started learning piano at age six, and by age 15 made his solo debut with the Honolulu Symphony. He is a two-time laureate of the Gina Bachauer International Piano Competition (1988 and 1994), and a first-prize winner in the Joseph Fisch International Piano Competition (1986). He has toured extensively throughout the United States and Europe, performing in such venues as Norway's Bergen International Music Festival, the Eisteddfod Festival in Wales, and Opera Estate in Rome, Italy. Mr. Nakea holds a Master's of Music from Brigham Young University, and concertizes frequently both as a soloist and a collaborator.

Experience the exhilarating sound of **Chopin's Études** by attending Robert Nakea's recital. For more information on the SUU College of Performing and Visual Arts events, please visit [www.suu.edu/pva/arts](http://www.suu.edu/pva/arts).

### **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 and a Center for Shakespeare Studies. 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, Utah Shakespeare Festival, 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).

### **FOR CALENDAR EDITORS: PIANIST IN RECITAL: ROBERT NAKEA**

- WHAT:** Sharing his music with the world, Robert Nakea is an accomplished pianist whose talent and caliber is clear in every performance he gives. He will be performing *Chopin 24 Études* at SUU for one early evening only.
- WHO:** Southern Utah University's Department of Music
- WHEN:** Wednesday, August 27, 2014
- TIME:** 5:30pm
- WHERE:** Thorley Recital Hall, Music Building, Southern Utah University, Cedar City, UT
- INFO:** [www.suu.edu/pva/arts](http://www.suu.edu/pva/arts)
- PRICES:** Free and the General Public is encouraged to attend.