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SUU's DEPARTMENT OF MUSIC PRESENTS
"PIANO MONSTER CONCERT" – HALLOWEEN EDITION
WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 29, 2014

Southern Utah University, Cedar City, Utah: Due to the overwhelming support received for the two previous Piano Monster Concerts, the **SUU Department of Music** is pleased to present a wickedly entertaining third ***Piano Monster Concert – Halloween Edition***. This remarkable keyboard evening spotlights piano ensembles that range in size from piano quartet to full ensemble. The concert is scheduled to be held at **7:00pm** on **Wednesday, October 29, 2014** at **Cedar City's Heritage Center Theater**.

This year's Piano Monster concert features over 100 pianists. Under the direction of Dr. Christian Bohnenstengel, this year's spooky-themed concert program includes such as *Creepy Creaky Sounds*, *Black Key Suite*, *Jazzy Old Witch*, *Broomstick Waltz* and the famous *Danse Macabre* by Camille Saint-Saëns in an arrangement by Dr. LeGrand Andersen. Dr. Nancy Allred, Christopher Giles and Brandon Lee, guest artists from Dixie State University, will join Bohnenstengel for Mack Wilberg's "Fantasy on These from Bizet's Carmen." The Southern Utah's Children's Choir under the direction of Melissa Leavitt, Jackie Riddle-Jackson and Kendra Leavitt will also perform. Celebrate Halloween by attending this entertaining family-friendly evening

Christian Bohnenstengel feels equally at home in a wide range of musical genres. He was recently featured as soloist and conductor in Mozart's *Concerto in F Major for Three Pianos*, as musical director and pianist in the musical *Bat Boy* and as arranger and continuo player in a concert version of Jean-Baptiste Lully's *Phaëton*. His avid interest in jazz music has led to collaborations with saxophone player Tom Herb and German trumpet player Christian Eberhard. Praised as "...a master of contrasts..." (Aalener Nachrichten) and for his ability to "...put the audience into a state of sheer awe..." (Gmünder Tagespost), Christian has concertized on three continents, including recitals with flutists John Bailey and Javier Montilla in Venezuela and various solo and chamber music performances at the annual

Sommernachtsmusik in Mögglingen, Germany. Bohnenstengel received his Bachelor of Arts degree, *summa cum laude*, in piano performance from Missouri Western State University. He received Master of Music and Doctor of Musical Arts degrees from the University of Nebraska-Lincoln. His teachers included Jerry Anderson and Mark Clinton, piano, and Quentin Faulkner, harpsichord and organ. He received UNL Hixson-Lied travel grants to study and perform at the Ameropa Chamber Music Festival in Prague and to study with Christoph Lieske at the Internationale Sommerakademie Mozarteum in Salzburg. He also studied in master class settings with Rita Sloan, Blanca Uribe, Ann Schein, and Murray Perahia, among others. Christian is currently teaching at Southern Utah University. He previously taught at UNL and Doane College.

Tickets are \$6 for adults and \$3 for youth. Admission is free for SUU Faculty/Staff and students with a current ID.

Monster Concert – Halloween Edition presents a great opportunity for pianists of all ages and levels to collaborate, learn, and perform for an audience in a beautiful performance space. Learn more about SUU's College of Performing and Visual Arts at www.suu.edu/pva/arts or follow news of Department of Music events at facebook.com/suumusic.

ABOUT THE COLLEGE

Southern Utah University's College of Performing and Visual Arts is home to nationally-accredited departments of Art and Design, Music, Theatre Arts, and Dance. The College offers 17 degrees, including liberal arts Bachelor of Arts and Bachelor of Science, professional Bachelor of Music, Bachelor of Fine Arts in art and theatre, and Arts Administration Master of Arts and Master of Fine Arts. It houses the Center for Shakespeare Studies, which offers a degree minor. More than 60 full- and part-time faculty and staff teach and mentor over 550 arts majors. Over 1100 students enroll each year in more than 195 arts classes. The College presents 100 performances, lectures, presentations, and exhibitions annually. Its affiliate organizations include the Braithwaite Fine Arts Gallery, American Folk Ballet, 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.

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WHEN: October 29, 2014.

TIME: 7:00pm

WHERE: Heritage Center Theater, Cedar City, UT

INFO: www.suu.edu/pva/arts

PRICES: \$6 (adults), \$5 (alumni with card), \$3 (youth). SUU Faculty/Staff and students free with current ID.