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**SUU's DEPARTMENT OF MUSIC PRESENTS**  
**"TOO DARN HOT: A SIZZLING JAZZ BAND CONCERT"**  
**TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 18, 2014**

**Southern Utah University, Cedar City, Utah:** The temperatures may have dropped recently but not when **SUU's Jazz Band** performs. **SUU's Department of Music** heats up November with ***Too Darn Hot: A Sizzling SUU Jazz Band Concert***. Directed by **Dr. Thomas Herb**, the evening's red-hot program will have the audience swinging in their seats! The concert will take place at **7:30pm on Tuesday, November 18** in the **Sharwan Smith Center's Living Room**. **Admission is free and the public is encouraged to attend.**

The concert's program includes selections from across big band and jazz vocals canons. The evening will include Gerry Mulligan's "Walkin' Shoes," Bart Howard's "Fly Me to the Moon" (made famous by Frank Sinatra and Count Basie), Cole Porter's "Too Darn Hot" (in an arrangement made famous by Ella Fitzgerald), Jeff Bunnell's "<This Space for Rent>," Maynard Ferguson's "Ain't Life Grand," Paul Simon's "Keep the Customer Satisfied" (in an arrangement made famous by Buddy Rich) and Louiguy and Mack David's "Cherry Pink and Apple Blossom White" (in an arrangement made famous by Perez Prado).

A special highlight of ***Too Darn Hot*** is a performance of "A Drive Down Cherry Street," an original composition by SUU Senior Music Major student **Jacob Lee**. Pleased to include a student work in the concert, Dr. Herb acclaimed, "Anyone who has attended one of these concerts knows that I am a big fan of letting students express themselves individually through improvised solos. I am thrilled that a member of the group, Senior Music Major Jacob Lee, has taken that one step further to express himself through a composition written expressly for our group. It has been a great experience for both him and the group to experience a piece of music 'from the ground up.' 'A Drive Through Cherry Street' is a fun up-beat piece that has a melody everyone will be humming when the concert is done. Great work Jacob!"

**Dr. Thomas Herb** is an instrumental music education specialist with over two decades of experience. His background includes ten years as a middle school/high school band director, and more than ten years of

directing college level ensembles. Additionally, Dr. Herb has led music teacher preparation programs for over 10 years. Dr. Herb is also a published author of music education books, including his *Teaching Improvisation ... in Concert Band?!?* and is published in multiple volumes of the *Teaching Music Through Performance In Band* series. As an active and well-rounded saxophonist, Dr. Herb performs equally well in classical and jazz idioms. He is a co-founder of the SUU Faculty Jazz Group called *Kind Of Blue*. His classical saxophone skills won him membership in two AFM organizations (California Wind Orchestra and Quincy Park Band) and additional notable orchestral performances including solos and section work with the Quincy Symphony and the Orchestra of Southern Utah. Dr. Herb has also performed regularly with the Mississippi Valley Saxophone Quartet, the Illinois Missouri Swing Machine, Ben Bumbry and the Messengers, and the Bullis Rutter Big Band. In the local Cedar City area, Dr. Herb can be found performing on SUU Faculty Recitals, Bon Appétit Recitals, the Satellite Salon Series, the OSU Recital Series and the Southern Utah Rebel Dance Band.

This November warm up at ***Too Darn Hot: A Sizzling SUU Jazz Band Concert***. 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 at (435) 865-8561, or by e-mail at [cpvamktg@suu.edu](mailto:cpvamktg@suu.edu).

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**WHERE:** SUU Sharwan Smith Center, Living Room, SUU, 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.