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## SUU'S COLLEGE OF PERFORMING AND VISUAL ARTS PRESENTS COLLECTED OBJECTS: AN ORIGINAL STUDENT-CHOREOGRAPHED DANCE CONCERT **DECEMBER 3-6, 2014**

Southern Utah University, Cedar City, Utah: A spectacular showcase of student creativity, inspiration and dance come together in performance when SUU's Department of Theatre Arts and Dance presents the dynamic Collected Objects: An Original Student-Choreographed Dance Concert. This exhilarating concert runs December 3 through 6 at the Randall L. Jones Theatre. Evening performances begin at 7:30pm with a special matinee on December 6 at 2pm. Tickets are General Adult Admission: \$10; SUU alumni with card: \$8; Student & Youth: \$5; and SUU faculty, staff and students are admitted free with a valid I.D.

Collected Objects spotlights student choreographers who challenge themselves by putting their vision onstage as performed by fellow students. The choreographers have evolved from the classroom to the rehearsal studio to creating dance onstage. These student choreographers have been mentored by SUU's talented dance faculty: Kay Andersen, Chair, Theatre Arts and Dance Department; Megan Brunsvold, Assistant Professor of Dance; Patricia Meredith, Assistant Professor of Dance; and Denise Purvis, Assistant Professor of Dance.

SUU Theatre Arts and Dance Chair Kay Andersen has great expectations for Collected Objects. According to Andersen, "this performance is an opportunity to immerse the audience in a variety of dance experiences created by our talented students. Collected Objects is a collaboration of student choreographers, lighting designers, and costume designers in an experience that is innovative, dynamic, and always educational."

Collected Objects features an exciting array of new works created by Tiana Chambers, Kathleen Fotherinham, Wen Han, LayCee Houghton, Erin Hulse, Danikka Johnson, Kaitlyn Katter, Shannon Marshall and Emily O'Donnell. The performance features an ensemble comprised of Jessica Alejandro, Amy Andre, Kristin Breding, Bini Brockbank, Tiana Chambers, Soliel Cook, Katrina Empey, Kathleen Fotherinham, Catlyn Griswell, Abby Hall, Brynn Hall, Wen Han, Mady Harlow, LayCee Houghton, Erin Hulse, Danikka Johnson, McKenzie Jonely, Kaitlyn Katter, Madi Law, Shannon Marshall, Katlyn Mitchell, Jeremy Muir, Hailey Nilson, Bethany Nordfelt, Danyel Rosewood, Kymi Soper, Kodei Spresser and Liesl Whitaker.

Come and experience dance that is stunningly realized and performed. Do not miss Collected Objects. For tickets, call the ticket office at (435) 586-7872, Monday-Friday, 8am-4:30pm, or order online at www.suu.edu/pva/arts. For more information, please visit www.suu.edu/pva/arts.

SUU's Theatre Arts and Dance Series continues with *Committed Step: An Original Faculty-Choreographed Concert*, a 50th anniversary production of the Tony Award-winning musical *Fiddler on the Roof*, and Tennessee Williams' American classic *A Streetcar Named Desire*.

## **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 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.

FOR CALENDAR EDITORS: COLLECTED OBJECTS: An Original Student-Choreographed Dance Concert

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**WHO:** Southern Utah University, College of Performing and Visual Arts,

Department of Theatre Arts and Dance

**WHEN:** Wed-Sat, Dec. 3-6, 2014

TIME: Evenings (Dec. 3-6): 7:30pm, Matinee (Dec. 6): 2pm

WHERE: Randall L. Jones Theatre, Southern Utah University, Cedar City, UT

**TICKETS:** (435) 586-7872, Mon-Fri, 8am-4:30pm, or www.suu.edu/pva/arts.

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**INFO:** www.suu.edu/pva/arts