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**“PIANO MONSTER CONCERT” – HALLOWEEN EDITION
SEEKS PIANISTS OF ALL AGES AND ABILITIES**

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 announce ***Piano Monster Concert – Halloween Edition***. This remarkable keyboard evening spotlights piano ensembles that range in size from piano duet to full ensemble. Groups may feature as many as 24 pianists playing together on eight grand pianos. ***Piano Monster Concert – Halloween Edition*** is seeking **piano students (and teachers) of all ages and abilities to participate**. The concert is scheduled to be held at **7:00pm on Wednesday, October 29, 2014 at Cedar City’s Heritage Center Theater**.

Under the direction of Dr. Christian Bohnenstengel, this year’s spooky-themed concert program includes such as spirited pieces 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.

For more information, or to register, visit: <http://suu.edu/pva/music/extravaganza.html>. **Registration is open until September 26, 2014**. Late registrations will be accepted if space is available. A registration fee of \$5 per participant will apply. Participants should also plan on spending between \$5–\$15 to purchase sheet music (available through Cedar City Music, The Music Store in St. George, or online). A list of the music that will be performed is available through the above link.

A mandatory dress rehearsal will be held on Saturday, October 25, 2014, in the morning or early afternoon. Upon receiving your registration materials and fee, SUU professor of music Christian Bohnenstengel will contact you to arrange rehearsal and performance groupings. You can contact Professor Bohnenstengel with any questions at bohnenstengel@suu.edu or 435-586-1935.

Participants must wear Sunday dress to the performance and sign in at the Heritage Center Theater lobby welcome desk at least fifteen minutes prior to their scheduled rehearsal time and twenty minutes

prior to the concert. Each participant will receive two complimentary tickets, and additional tickets will be available the evening of the performance. Tickets are \$6 for adults, \$4 for SUU faculty and staff, 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.

FOR CALENDAR EDITORS: PIANO MONSTER CONCERT GOES HALLOWEEN SEEKS PIANISTS OF ALL AGES AND ABILITIES

WHAT: SUU Department of Music seeks pianists of all levels to perform at Heritage Center Theater for *Piano Monster Concert – Halloween Edition*.

WHO: Southern Utah University's Department of Music

WHEN: Registration deadline: September 26, 2014. Performance: October 29, 2014.

TIME: 7:00pm (performance)

WHERE: Heritage Center Theater, Cedar City, UT

INFO: Christian Bohnenstengel: (435) 586-1935 or bohnenstengel@suu.edu

PRICES: \$6 (adults), \$4 (faculty & staff), \$3 (youth). SUU Faculty/Staff and student free with current ID.