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SUU's DEPARTMENT OF MUSIC PRESENTS
PIANIST TIMOTHY HOFT
AN EVENING OF CONTEMPORARY UKRAINIAN MUSIC
MARCH 6, 2015

Southern Utah University, Cedar City, Utah: A pianist of unique versatility, **Timothy Hoft** is in demand as a soloist and chamber musician. In recent years, Hoft has given performances in the concert halls of France, Italy, Czech Republic, England, Scotland, and the United States, including Carnegie Hall's Weill Recital Hall and the John F. Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts. Now this acclaimed pianist brings his talents to southern Utah. Presented by **SUU's Department of Music**, the recital showcasing contemporary Ukrainian music is scheduled for **Friday, March 6, 2015**, in the **Thorley Recital Hall** within SUU's Music Building. **The performance begins at 7:30pm, is free and open to the public.**

The performance will feature contemporary Ukrainian and Ukrainian American music by such accomplished composers as Virko Baley, Valentin Bibik, Boris Lyatoshynsky, Alexander Shchetynsky and Valentine Silvestrov.

An active accompanist and chamber musician, **Timothy Hoft** has collaborated in chamber performances with members of the Baltimore Symphony Orchestra, Detroit Symphony Orchestra, National Symphony Orchestra, San Francisco Symphony, Las Vegas Philharmonic, Richmond Symphony, Boston Brass, Empire Brass, as well as faculty members of the Mannes College of Music, Peabody Conservatory of Music, Louisiana State University, Penn State University, Florida State University, SUNY-Fredonia, University at Buffalo, to name a few. Hoft frequently performs with virtuoso flutist, Anastasia Petanova, having given performances in numerous venues such as The Phillips Collection, the Kennedy Center for Performing Arts, l'Hotel d'Assezat in Toulouse, France and The New York University in Florence, Italy. In addition, Hoft is also an accomplished harpsichordist, having studied early music, continuo, and performance practice issues with Edward Parmentier.

Timothy Hoft earned Bachelor of Music degree in piano performance from the University of Michigan, as well as Master of Music and Doctor of Musical Arts degrees from the Peabody Conservatory of Music. He has given world premieres of the works of several living composers, most notably, the *Concerto for Piano and Wind Ensemble*, "Solar Traveller," by Judith Lang Zaimont. During his graduate studies, Hoft was awarded a fellowship through the La Gesse Foundation, giving him numerous performances in Europe and in the United States. He was also granted the Earl Wild Scholarship of the Ivory Classics Foundation, allowing him to study with the legendary pianist, Earl Wild.

Hoft has served on the music faculty at SUNY Fredonia, New York, where he taught piano, accompanying, and chamber music. He performed numerous times for the Ethos New Music Society, SUNY-Fredonia's recital series devoted exclusively to contemporary music. In 2012, Hoft joined the music faculty at the University of Nevada-Las Vegas as Assistant Professor of Piano and Accompanying. He maintains an active performance schedule in Las Vegas, frequently collaborating with the UNLV music faculty. Future projects for Hoft include a series of performances and recordings of the solo piano works of Ukrainian composers Boris Lyatoshynsky, Valentin Silvestrov, Valentin Bibik, and Virko Baley, to be released by TNC records.

Experience the distinctive sounds of contemporary Ukrainian music by attending Timothy Hoft's recital. For more information on the SUU College of Performing and Visual Arts events, please visit 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.

FOR CALENDAR EDITORS: PIANIST IN RECITAL: TIMOTHY HOFT

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- WHEN:** Friday, March 6, 2015
- TIME:** 7:30pm
- WHERE:** Thorley Recital Hall, Music Building, Southern Utah University, Cedar City, UT
- INFO:** www.suu.edu/pva/arts
- PRICES:** Free and the General Public is encouraged to attend.