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SUU's DEPARTMENT OF MUSIC PRESENTS
"WHERE YA BIN: AN SUU JAZZ BAND CONCERT"
WITH GUEST ARTIST DENIS DIBLASIO, SAXOPHONIST
MONDAY, APRIL 20, 2015

Southern Utah University, Cedar City, Utah: This April the **SUU Jazz Band** puts the swing into spring when they perform with noted composer, arranger and saxophonist **Denis DiBlasio**. **SUU's Department of Music** presents *Where Ya Bin: An SUU Jazz Band Concert, Monday, April 20, 2015* at Cedar City's **Heritage Center Theater**. Directed by **Dr. Thomas Herb**, the evening features numerous selections composed or arranged by guest artist DiBlasio. This Music Masterworks concert will take place at **7:30pm** with tickets priced at **\$10 for adults, \$8 for alumni with card, \$5 for youth. SUU faculty, staff and students are admitted free when they present a valid I.D. card.**

Showcasing compositions and arrangements created by Denis DiBlasio, the program features the SUU Jazz Band performing "Where Ya Bin," "Matiga Go Gunda Ra (A Peanut in the Belly)," "Sidewalks of New York," "Jackson Square," and a special arrangement of "The Theme from Sesame Street." The evening will kick off with the SUU Student Jazz Combo playing several selections including Gordon Goodwin's "Terminally Hip."

International clinician and performer **Denis DiBlasio** is a baritone saxophonist, flautist, educator, composer and arranger. He serves as the Executive Director of The Manyard Ferguson Institute of Jazz and is Director of Jazz and Composition at Rowan University in New Jersey. DiBlasio travels the world performing and running personalized clinics with people and performers of all ages. His inspirational connection with young musicians is what makes a DiBlasio clinic so special – availability often books up three years in advance. The fun, friendly and one-of-a-kind learning extravaganzas DiBlasio offers have been dubbed "Edutainment."

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 Combo 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 Cedar City area, Dr. Herb can be found performing at SUU Faculty Recitals, Bon Appétit Recitals, the Satellite Salon Series, the OSU Recital Series, the Southern Utah Rebel Dance Band and the West Coast Jazz Players.

Discover the swinging answer to the musical question “Where Ya Bin” by attending this SUU Jazz Band Concert. 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 at (435) 865-8561, or by e-mail at cpvamktg@suu.edu.

FOR CALENDAR EDITORS: *WHERE YA BIN: AN SUU JAZZ BAND CONCERT*

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WHO: Southern Utah University, Department of Music

WHEN: Monday, April 20, 2015

TIME: 7:30pm

WHERE: Heritage Center Theater, Cedar City, UT

INFO: www.suu.edu/pva/arts

PRICES: Adults: \$10, Alumni with card: \$8, youth: \$5
SUU faculty, staff and students free with valid I.D.

PURCHASE: Centrum Arena, Ticket Office (Mon-Fri, 8am-4:30pm) 435-586-7872
Online: www.suu.edu/pva/arts or at the door