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**SUU'S DEPARTMENT OF THEATRE ARTS & DANCE  
PRESENTS *MUSICAL THEATRE SHOWCASE*  
APRIL 21, 2015**

**Southern Utah University, Cedar City, Utah:** A joyous evening of classic and contemporary musical theatre songs performed by some of SUU's finest young talent are the ingredients for a very entertaining fundraiser. **SUU's Department of Theatre Arts & Dance** presents *Live from the Heritage Center Theater The 2015 Broadway Musical Showcase* at Cedar City's **Heritage Center Theater** for one performance only on **Tuesday, April 21, 2015**. The performance begins at 7:30pm. Suggested donation for all seats is \$5 at the door only. Proceeds go to benefit the Theatre Arts' BFA Scholarship Fund. This delightful evening of song has been conceived and created by the students under the supervision of **Peter Sham**, SUU's Associate Professor of Theatre Arts, and **Melinda Pfundstein**, Utah Shakespeare Festival favorite, who won acclaim for their performances in SUU's recent 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary production of *Fiddler on the Roof*.

A wide spectrum of musical theatre works are performed including songs from Broadway's Golden era of the 1950s to more contemporary pieces. A special highlight of the performance will be a preview of musicals in the Department of Theatre Arts and Dance's 2015-2016 season the award-winning musicals *Next to Normal* and *RENT*. The concert features selections from Stephen Sondheim's Pulitzer Prize-winning *Sunday in the Park with George*, the Tony Award-winning scores from *The Pajama Game* and *Light in the Piazza*, the witty *Shrek the Musical*, and *Edges*.

The cast includes SUU student actors and singers who have appeared in a variety of Theatre Arts and Dance productions including *Bat Boy The Musical*, *The Fantasticks!* and *Fiddler on the Roof*. The cast features **Elisa Black, Jordyn Cardwell, Christine Casper, William Casper, Carly Christensen, Tammi Colombo, Hannah Fontes, Madison Hayes, Luke S. Johnson, Brittany Reed, Alec TerBerg, Christopher Whiteside** and **Jane Wright**. The Showcase is choreographed by Kirsten Sham with Tracey Bradshaw as musical director.

Proceeds from the **Musical Showcase** go to a scholarship fund which directly benefit students in SUU's Theatre Arts program. Our alumni from the program have entertained audiences around the country in a variety of touring productions. Others have graced such as distinguished stages as the Utah Shakespeare Festival and Utah's Pioneer Theater, Chicago's Shakespeare Theatre and Goodman Theatre, Oregon Cabaret Theatre, California's La Jolla Playhouse and PCPA Theaterfest, and New England's Ogunquit Playhouse. And then there is Broadway. In 2013, alumna Keala Settle received a Theatre World Award and a Tony Award nomination for her work in *Hands on a Hardbody*. Settle recently delighted audiences with her acclaimed performance as Madame Thénardier in the revival of Alain Boublil and Claude-Michel Schönberg's *Les Misérables*. Rhett Guter and Lillian Castillo recently completed a successful run as Riff and Rosalia in *West Side Story* at the Drury Lane Theatre in suburban Chicago. Guter also choreographed the production.

Support young talent by attending a great evening of musical theatre highlights. Don't miss **Live from the Heritage Center Theater The 2015 Broadway Musical Showcase**. For information visit [www.suu.edu/pva/arts](http://www.suu.edu/pva/arts).

Looking ahead, the 2015-2016 Theatre Arts & Dance Series includes William Shakespeare's classic tragedy **Hamlet**, the Pulitzer Prize-winning musical **Next to Normal**, a delightful family adventure **Toyland: the Holiday Family Musical**, the beloved comedy **You Can't Take It With You** and the Tony Award-winning musical **RENT**. The season also include the **Student Choreographed Dance Concert** and **Faculty Choreographed Dance Concert**. Tickets and 2015-2016 Flex Passes for these productions will go on sale August 31.

## **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 the new 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).

**FOR CALENDAR EDITORS: *Live from the Heritage Center Theater The 2015 Broadway Musical Showcase***

- WHAT:** A song-filled fundraiser that combines great show tunes and rising young talent, SUU's Department of Theatre Arts & Dance presents *Live from the Heritage Center Theater The 2015 Broadway Musical Showcase* for one performance only with all proceeds going to benefit the Theatre Arts' BFA Scholarship Fund.
- WHO:** Southern Utah University, College of Performing and Visual Arts, Theatre Arts & Dance Series
- WHEN:** Tuesday, April 21, 2015
- TIME:** 7:30pm
- WHERE:** Heritage Center Theater, Cedar City, UT
- INFO:** [www.suu.edu/pva/arts](http://www.suu.edu/pva/arts)
- PRICES:** Suggested donation: \$5, available only at the door