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## **SUU's PIANO MONSTER CONCERT SERIES GOES ON "A WILD RIDE" SEEKING PIANISTS OF ALL AGES AND ABILITIES FOR THE JOURNEY**

**Southern Utah University, Cedar City, Utah:** SUU's popular Piano Monster Concert Series is seeking adventurous musicians of all ages and abilities to participate and perform in another remarkable evening. **Dr. Christian Bohnenstengel** of the **SUU Department of Music** is pleased to announce ***Piano Monster Concert – A Wild Ride***. 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 – A Wild Ride*** is seeking **piano students (and teachers) of all ages and abilities to participate**. The concert is scheduled to be held at **7pm on Tuesday, November 10, 2015 at Cedar City's Heritage Center Theater**.

Under the direction of Dr. Bohnenstengel, this year's adventurous program includes such diverse works as Edvard Grieg's *Morning Mood* from the *Peer Gynt Suite*, Giachino Rossini's Overture to *The Barber of Seville*, Melody Bober's *Back and Forth Waltz* and her *Hot Popcorn!*, Johann Strauss, Jr's *Blue Danube Waltz*, Kevin Olson's *At the Robot Factory*, Jeanne Costello's *The Cricket and the Bullfrog*, Emilie Lin's *Sneaky Fox Boogie* and many more.

**For more information, or to register**, visit: <http://suu.edu/pva/music/monsterconcert.html>. **Registration is open until October 2, 2015**. 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 Monday, November 9, 2015. Upon receiving your registration materials and fee, Christian Bohnenstengel or a member of his team will contact you to arrange rehearsal and performance groupings. You can contact Dr. Bohnenstengel with any questions at bohnstengel@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 dress 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 alumni with card, and \$3 for youth. Admission is free for SUU Faculty/Staff and students with a current ID.

***Piano Monster Concert – A Wild Ride*** is a wonderful experience for pianists of all ages and levels to collaborate, learn, and perform for an audience in this exceptional concert hall. Learn more about SUU's College of Performing and Visual Arts at [www.suu.edu/pva/arts](http://www.suu.edu/pva/arts) or follow news of Department of Music events at [facebook.com/suumusic](https://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, Utah Shakespeare Festival and 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 [lunt@suu.edu](mailto:lunt@suu.edu).

### **FOR CALENDAR EDITORS: PIANO MONSTER CONCERT – A WILD RIDE 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 – *A Wild Ride*.
- WHO:** Southern Utah University's Department of Music
- WHEN:** Registration deadline: October 2, 2015. Performance: November 10, 2015
- TIME:** 7pm (performance)
- WHERE:** Heritage Center Theater, Cedar City, UT
- INFO:** Dr. Christian Bohnenstengel: (435) 586-1935 or [bohenstengel@suu.edu](mailto:bohenstengel@suu.edu)
- PRICES:** \$6 (adults), \$4 (alumni with card), \$3 (youth). SUU Faculty/Staff and students free with current ID.