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SUU'S DEPARTMENT OF MUSIC OFFERS "THUNDERER MARCH," AN ALUMNI BAND CONCERT SEPTEMBER 23, 2015

Southern Utah University, Cedar City, Utah: Southern Utah University's musical past and present come together when the **Department of Music** presents *Thunderer March, An SUU Alumni Band Concert*. Under the direction of **Dr. Adam Lambert**, the performance features former and current members of SUU Ensembles and is scheduled for **Wednesday, September 23** and begins at **7pm** at Cedar City's **Heritage Center Theater**. The performance is **free** and open to the public as part of SUU's Homecoming Week festivities.

With help from the SUU's Alumni Office, former participants of the SUU Wind Symphony were invited to come and join current members for a grand concert featuring a diverse array of music. With alumni and current students, the concert features an ensemble of over 80 musicians. **Dr. Adam Lambert**, Director of Bands at SUU, conducts the Alumni Band.

There is a lot of terrific anticipation surrounding this performance and Dr. Lambert is thrilled to be spearheading such a joyous musical reunion. According to Dr. Lambert, "I have enjoyed getting to know former members of the SUU band, many of which are now music directors themselves. Should be a great event - I'm way excited!"

Led by Dr. Lambert, the performance takes its title from John Phillip Sousa's "Thunderer March" which is included in the evening's program. Other works scheduled to be performed by students and alumni are "American Patrol" by F.W. Meacham, "Anchors Aweigh" by Chas. A. Zimmermann, "Fairest of the Fair" also by Sousa, "Lead Kindly Light" by J.B. Dykes, "Prelude" by Sergi Rachmaninoff, "Tiger Rag" by the Original Dixieland Jazz Band and "American Salute" by Morton Gould. A great musical selection that will add to SUU's Homecoming celebration.

The SUU Wind Symphony is an auditioned ensemble made up of the top wind and percussion students at SUU. The ensemble is committed to the performance of the highest quality contemporary and

traditional works in the wind band repertoire. Innovative concerts, adventurous programming, and high-level music-making are the hallmarks of this select ensemble. This group is open to students of any major by audition. For more information about auditioning for the Wind Symphony, please contact Dr. Adam Lambert, Director of Bands, at adamlambert@suu.edu or (435) 865-8160.

Dr. Adam Lambert is in his fourth year in the Department of Music faculty as Director of Bands and Brass Studies at SUU. He previously spent seven years directing the band and brass programs at Chadron State College in Nebraska, where he conducted the Wind Symphony, Symphonic Band, and Athletic Bands and coordinated the brass studio. He holds degrees in music education from Brigham Young University and a doctorate in trumpet performance from the University of North Texas. As an active trumpet educator, performer, and clinician in both classical and jazz, Dr. Lambert performed and recorded with the University of North Texas Wind Symphony on the series Teaching Music through Performance. He has performed as a professional jazz musician at many major jazz festivals, including the Snow Bird Jazz Festival, the Park City Jazz Festival, and the Salt Lake City Jazz Festival. Dr. Lambert is a Bach trumpet artist and clinician for the Conn-Selmer Corporation.

Join Dr. Adam Lambert and SUU musicians past and present for an engaging musical Homecoming celebration. 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 the new Center for Shakespeare Studies and a graduate program in Arts Administration. 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. The Center for Shakespeare Studies offers a minor in Shakespeare Studies. 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, visit www.suu.edu/pva/arts.

FOR CALENDAR EDITORS: *THUNDERER MARCH, AN SUU ALUMNI BAND CONCERT*

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WHEN: Wednesday, September 23, 2015

TIME: 7pm

WHERE: Heritage Center Theater, Cedar City, UT

TICKETS: Free and open to the public

INFO: www.suu.edu/pva/arts