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NEW ADVISORY BOARD FOUNDED TO AID SUU'S COLLEGE OF PERFORMING AND VISUAL ARTS

Southern Utah University, Cedar City, Utah: A newly founded Advisory Board composed of business professionals, artists, educators, and arts leaders has been established to support and enhance Southern Utah University's College of Performing and Visual Arts (CPVA). Chaired by **Jeffrey Kahn**, an entrepreneur with over 25 years of trust and investment experience, this new board is deeply committed to enhancing the reputation of SUU's most creative and innovative College.

According to Jeffrey Kahn, "the Board has greater resources as professionals and artists to help the College strive to serve students in realizing their creative potential and begin to build their careers."

Among the members of the Board are **Ann Gomez**, an independent entrepreneur; business woman **Amberlee Howes**; **Tayva Patch**, independent entertainment professional; and **James Rees**, art educator and artist.

Summing up the Advisory Board and its goals, **Shauna Mendini**, Dean of SUU's College of Performing and Visual Arts, stated, "the Advisory Board consists of an outstanding group of professionals in the arts (artists, graphic designers, actors, musicians, teachers and art patrons) who have extensive business and leadership experience and all of whom have a far reaching network of influence. They are committed through volunteerism to enhance the College of Performing and Visual Arts at Southern Utah University."

Among the goals of the Advisory Board is bringing awareness to the creative efforts produced by all CPVA students from performances to exhibitions to fully staged productions. Beyond creative awareness, the Advisory Board will promote the need of fiscal support for scholarships and fundraising endeavors.

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 teach and mentor over 550 majors in the College. The College presents over 100 performances, presentations, and exhibitions each year. Affiliate organizations include Braithwaite Fine Arts Gallery, Utah Shakespeare Festival and SUU Ballroom Dance Company. For information about the College of Performing and Visual Arts, visit www.suu.edu/pva/arts.