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**SUU's PIANO MONSTER CONCERT SERIES
GOES ON "A WILD RIDE"
TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 10, 2015**

Southern Utah University, Cedar City, Utah: SUU's popular Piano Monster Concert Series takes performers and patrons on *A Wild Ride* this November. **Dr. Christian Bohnenstengel** of the **SUU Department of Music** is pleased to announce *Piano Monster Concert – A Wild Ride*. This wonderful evening showcases piano ensembles that range in size from piano quartet to full ensemble. Groups may feature as many as 24 pianists playing together on eight grand pianos. *Piano Monster Concert – A Wild Ride* is scheduled to be held at **7pm on Tuesday, November 10, 2015 at Cedar City's Heritage Center Theater**. Popular-priced tickets to this concert are **\$6 (adults), \$4 (alumni with card), \$3 (youth)**. **SUU Faculty/Staff and students free with current ID.**

Under the direction of Dr. Bohnenstengel, this year's wickedly 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 "Hot Popcorn!," Johann Strauss, Jr's "Blue Danube Waltz" in an arrangement by Robert Schultz, Kevin Olson's "At the Robot Factory" "Santa's Wild Ride" and "out...standing," Jeanne Costello's "The Cricket and the Bullfrog," and Emilie Lin's "Sneaky Fox Boogie."

A Wild Ride also includes performances of Robert Vandall's "Blue Threesome" and "Triple Dip," Kevin Costley's "Mountain Wildflowers," Léo Delibes "Flower Duet" from *Lakmé* arranged by Nancy Lau, Claudette Hudelson's "Toe-Tappin' Twins," and Sergei Rachmaninoff's "Two Pieces for Six Hands." A special highlight features guest artists Nancy Allred, Christopher Giles and Brandon Lee from the Department of Music at Dixie State University who join Dr. Bohnenstengel for a rendition of "Variations on a Theme by Paganini" by The First Piano Quartet.

According to **Mary Anne Andersen**, SUU Adjunct Professor of Piano, "What makes this experience so special for the participants is that pianists are usually a solitary lot. Instrumentalists and singers need

accompanists to sound complete, and often play in orchestras and sing in choirs. But the piano player is his own soloist and accompanist and practices and performs alone. It is not unusual to see two pianos on stage with two or four players, but three pianos is quite memorable, and eight is really a unique situation.” For ***A Wild Ride***, Mary Anne Andersen will be playing alongside two of her students in the Late Intermediate Group and conduct the Elementary II Group

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 or follow news of Department of Music events at 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, visit www.suu.edu/pva/arts.

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