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**SUU'S DEPARTMENT OF MUSIC PRESENTS**  
**"YA GOTTA TRY: JAZZ BAND CONCERT"**  
**TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 17, 2017**

**Southern Utah University, Cedar City, Utah:** When the sound of jazz fills the air, the room heats up and thaws the chilly wintry atmosphere. **SUU's Department of Music** ignites the night air with ***Ya Gotta Try: An SUU Jazz Band Concert***. Directed by **Dr. Thomas Herb**, the evening's sizzling program will please even the most discriminating musical devotee. The concert will take place at **7:30pm on Tuesday, November 17** in the **Sharwan Smith Center's Living Room**. **Admission is free and the public is encouraged to attend.**

Each year, this free concert draws hundreds of jazz fans of all ages. The evening's program includes selections from across big band and to swinging jazz vocal arrangements based on charts created for music legends. The performance will feature Sammy Nestico's "Ya Gotta Try" (from which the concert takes its title) in an arrangement made famous by Buddy Rich. The concert also includes Neal Hefti's "Cute" in an arrangement by Bob Mintzer, Cole Porter's "From This Moment On" originally arranged by the Buddy Bregman Orchestra for Ella Fitzgerald, "That's All" by Alan Brandt and Bob Haymes, Thad Jones' "Ahunk, Ahunk" in an arrangement used by Mel Lewis and the Thad Jones Big Band, Wayne Shorter's "Infant Eyes" arranged by Scott Arcangel, and Count Basie's classic "One O'Clock Jump."

Over the past several years, the **SUU Jazz Band** has risen to new heights, performing music for professional jazz orchestras by performing arrangements of many well-known Big Bands such as Count Basie, Stan Kenton, Duke Ellington, Maria Schneider, Woody Herman, Buddy Rich, Bob Mintzer, Gordon Goodwin, Pat Metheny and many others. The centerpiece of SUU's Jazz program is the annual guest artist concerts, which bring professional jazz musicians to Cedar City. Past guest artists that have worked with the Jazz Band include Pete Christlieb, Tom Polett, Reggie Thomas, Rodney Whitaker, Dennis Mackrel, Wayne Bergeron, Bob Sheppard, Denis DiBlasio and Delfeayo Marsalis. For the spring 2016 guest artist concert, Dr. Thomas Herb, director of SUU's Jazz Band, is pleased to announce that the acclaimed trumpet player Roger Ingram will be performing with our musicians in an evening of Big Band

Swing! This exciting opportunity gives our students experience with these professional level players that they would not have a chance to receive otherwise.

**Dr. Thomas Herb** is an instrumental music education specialist with over two decades of experience. His background includes ten years as a middle school/high school band director, and more than ten years of directing college level ensembles. Additionally, Dr. Herb has led music teacher preparation programs for over 10 years. Dr. Herb is also a published author of music education books, including his *Teaching Improvisation ... in Concert Band?!?* and is published in multiple volumes of the *Teaching Music Through Performance In Band* series. As an active and well-rounded saxophonist, Dr. Herb performs equally well in classical and jazz idioms. He is a co-founder of the SUU Faculty Jazz Combo called *Kind Of Blue*. His classical saxophone skills won him membership in two AFM organizations (California Wind Orchestra and Quincy Park Band) and additional notable orchestral performances including solos and section work with the Quincy Symphony and the Orchestra of Southern Utah. Dr. Herb has also performed regularly with the Mississippi Valley Saxophone Quartet, the Illinois Missouri Swing Machine, Ben Bumbry and the Messengers, and the Bullis Rutter Big Band. In the Cedar City area, Dr. Herb can be found performing at SUU Faculty Recitals, Bon Appétit Recitals, the Satellite Salon Series, the OSU Recital Series, the Southern Utah Rebel Dance Band and the West Coast Jazz Players.

Mark your calendars and come on out and swing with the SUU Jazz Band – well, at least, ***Ya Gotta Try!*** For more information on the SUU College of Performing and Visual Arts events, please visit [www.suu.edu/pva/arts](http://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 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 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](http://www.suu.edu/pva/arts).

**FOR CALENDAR EDITORS: YA GOTTA TRY: AN SUU JAZZ BAND CONCERT**

**WHAT:** When the sound of jazz fills the air, the room heats up and thaws the chilly autumn atmosphere. **SUU's Department of Music** ignites the night air with ***Ya Gotta Try: An SUU Jazz Band Concert.***

**WHO:** Southern Utah University, Department of Music

**WHEN:** Tuesday, November 17, 2015

**TIME:** 7:30pm

**WHERE:** SUU Sharwan Smith Center, Living Room, SUU, Cedar City, UT

**INFO:** [www.suu.edu/pva/arts](http://www.suu.edu/pva/arts)

**PRICES:** Free and the General Public is encouraged to attend.