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SUU MUSIC DEPARTMENT PRESENTS
A CHRISTMAS FESTIVAL: MUSIC FOR THE SEASON
FRIDAY, DECEMBER 4, 2015

Southern Utah University, Cedar City, Utah: Ring in the holiday season with the most spectacular music events in southern Utah. **SUU's Department of Music** presents ***A Christmas Festival: Music for the Season***, which features spirited choral and instrumental selections performed by more than 100 SUU instrumental and vocal students. This joyous holiday concert will take place at **Cedar City's Heritage Center Theater** on **Friday, December 4, 2015, at 7:30pm**. Tickets are only **\$10 for Adults, \$8 for SUU Alumni with card, and \$5 for youth. SUU faculty, staff and students are free with a valid I.D. card.**

A Christmas Festival will feature a diverse selection of music chosen, prepared and directed by SUU faculty members **Dr. Steve Meredith, Jackie Jackson, Dr. Christian Bohnenstengel, Dr. Adam Lambert** and **Dr. Xun Sun**. Performing popular favorites as well as lesser known music are such SUU Ensembles as the **Piano Ensemble, Symphony Orchestra, Wind Symphony, Concert Choir, Opus Choir** and **Women's Choir**.

The choral portion of the program features Opus Chamber Choir, directed by Dr. Meredith, performing a medley from Benjamin Britten's "Ceremony of Carols," James Lord Pierpont's "Jingle Bells" in an arrangement by Gordon Langford, John Henry Hopkins' "We Three Kings" in an arrangement by Ian McDougal with orchestra accompaniment, and Jan Pietersweelinck's "Hodie! Christus Natus Est." SUU's Concert Choir performs Franz Gruber's "Stille Nacht" in an arrangement by Chip Davis, André Thomas' "African Noel," the traditional French carol "Angels We Have Heard on High" which will be performed with the Women's Choir, Wind Symphony and Symphony Orchestra. The Wind Symphony joins the Concert Choir for a rendition of the traditional work "A Christmas Festival" in an arrangement by LeRoy Anderson and the SUU Symphony Orchestra collaborates with them for a performance of Ken Darby's "Twas the Night Before Christmas" in an arrangement by Harry Simone. The Concert and Women's Choirs come together for Franz Biebl's "Ave Maria."

Get into the holiday spirit with ***A Christmas Festival***. For more information on the SUU College of Performing and Visual Arts events, please 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 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.

FOR CALENDAR EDITORS: SUU's Department of Music Presents *A Christmas Festival: Music for the Season*

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- PURCHASE:** (435) 586-7872, M-F, 8am-4:30pm, www.suu.edu/pva/arts or purchase at the door.