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A Fun and Festive Fundraiser to Benefit SUU's Theatre Arts Students December 8, 2015

Southern Utah University, Cedar City, Utah: Looking for lively and spirited holiday entertainment that is also a fundraiser benefiting SUU Department of Theatre Arts and Dance students? Then come on and out support these talented performers by attending **A *Christmas Benefit Concert***. The festive, family-friendly variety show features a cast of over 20 actors and singers from SUU and the Cedar City community performing an array of seasonal songs, stories and sketches. Scheduled for **Tuesday, December 8**, the performance takes place at SUU's **Randall L. Jones Theatre** and begins at **7pm**. There is a suggested minimum donation of **\$10** for adults and **\$5** for students/youth at the door the evening of performance.

This special one-night-only performance is a fundraiser for the Theatre Arts and Dance Venture Up trip. 100% of the proceeds will go directly towards sending SUU graduating Theatre Arts BFA students to the Mountain West Showcase in New York City where the fledging professionals will perform for casting directors as well as attend workshops and auditions.

Featuring SUU Theatre Arts Assistant Professor and Utah Shakespeare Festival favorite **Melinda Pfundstein Vaughn** as emcee, the concert highlights several community groups including the **Iron Springs Elementary Choir** led by **Cassie Walker** and the **Canyon View High Musical Theatre Class** directed by **Holly Barrick**. The performance features some of the brightest talent in the Theatre Arts program who have entertained audiences in SUU productions of *Fiddler on the Roof*, *CHICAGO The Musical*, *Next to Normal*, *Hamlet*, *A Midsummer Night's Dream*, *Dancing at Lughnasa*, and many more. The gifted ensemble includes **Evangeline Stott**, **Alec TerBerg**, **Brandon Grayson**, **Keaton Johns**, **Henry Ballesteros**, **Madison Ford**, **Joshua Durfey**, **Kaitlyn Curry**, **Joshua Leigh Hopkins**, **Selena Price**, **Luke S Johnson**, **Brittany Reed**, **Christopher Whiteside**, **Bailey Smith**, **Hannah MacKenzie**

Fontes, Courtney McMullin, Tammi Columbo, Jordyn Cardwell, Holly Barrick, Samantha Allred, Amber James, and Christine Casper.

For more information about this performance, please check out the event's Twitter handle @BFAVentureSUU and their Facebook page SUU BFA Venture Trip 2016.

Come on out for a joyous and fun-filled evening of holiday entertainment by attending ***A Christmas Benefit Concert.***

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. 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 Center for Shakespeare Studies, Braithwaite Fine Arts Gallery, Utah Shakespeare Festival, and SUU's Ballroom Dance Company. For more information about the College of Performing and Visual Arts, visit www.suu.edu/pva.

FOR CALENDAR EDITORS: A Christmas Benefit Concert

- WHAT:** Celebrate the holiday season and support talented SUU Theatre Arts students by attending *A Christmas Benefit Concert*. The festive, family-friendly fundraiser features a cast of over 20 actors and singers performing an array of seasonal songs, stories and sketches.
- WHO:** Southern Utah University, Department of Theatre Arts and Dance
- WHEN:** Dec. 8, 2015
- TIME:** 7pm
- WHERE:** Randall L. Jones Theatre, Southern Utah University, Cedar City, UT
- TICKETS:** Suggested donations: Adults: \$10 Student/Youth: \$5, donate at door the night of the performance