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**SUU's Department of Theatre Arts and Dance
hosts 15th Annual Utah Dance Education Organization
State High School Dance Festival**

Southern Utah University, Cedar City, Utah: High school dance students from across the state of Utah will be on Southern Utah University's campus to participate in classes and share their work. The **Gala Concert**, where carefully selected dance pieces are performed for the public, will be held in the **Randall L Jones Theatre** on **Saturday, March 5**. The gala concert begins at **6:00 p.m.** This event is **free to the public**.

The 15th Annual Utah Dance Education Organization (UDEO) High School Dance Festival will take place Friday & Saturday, March 4th-5th, 2016 at Southern Utah University, in Cedar City, Utah. This year's Festival will include approximately 20 High Schools, and 400 students, from all over Utah. The Festival, a one-day event (plus special Friday night audition/master class) patterned after the American College Dance Festival (ACDF) and National High School Dance Festival (NHSDF), will feature master/technique classes and workshops, adjudication of student and professional choreographic works, and a closing Gala concert with presentation of awards and scholarships. The **Gala Concert** is a **free event, open to the public** which showcases student, faculty and guest artist work from each participating school. The Gala begins at **6:00 p.m.** on **March 5** in the **Randall L Jones Theatre** at SUU. Tickets not required.

Denise Purvis, Assistant Professor of Dance at Southern Utah University, is extremely supportive of this program. She explains, "This is an opportunity for high school dance programs throughout Utah to share their work with their peers and the community of Cedar City." These students come from Davis High School to Tuacahn High School and many in between. The UDEO High School Dance Festival affords them the chance to view work that they would not otherwise be able to experience.

Join Southern Utah University in applauding these dancers when they come together in one theatre to share their talent with Cedar City. For more information about the UDEO High School Dance Festival, please visit www.udeo.org.

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 graduate programs in Arts Administration and Music 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 Master of Fine Arts in Arts Administration, Master of Arts in Arts Administration, Master of Music Education and Master of Music in Music Technology graduate degrees. 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 over 100 performances, lectures, presentations, and exhibitions each year. The College's affiliate organizations include the Southern Utah Museum of Art (SUMA), 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: 15th Annual Utah Dance Education Organization State High School Dance Festival Gala Concert

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Who: Utah High School Dance Festival

When: Saturday, March 5, 2016

Time: 6:00 p.m.

Where: Randall L Jones Theatre, Southern Utah University campus, Cedar City, UT

Tickets: Free to the public

Info: www.udeo.org

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