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Songs of the Spirit, A Spring Concert
April 1, 2016

Southern Utah University, Cedar City, Utah: A celebration of the human spirit in song is the theme behind SUU's Department of Music's Masterworks Series' *Songs of the Spirit, A Spring Concert*. Magnificent works from the classical repertoire will be sung by SUU Choirs with Symphony Orchestra accompaniment. This musical gem is scheduled for Friday, April 1 to be performed at Cedar City's Heritage Center Theater beginning at 7:30pm. Tickets are \$10 for adults, \$8 for alumni with card and \$5 for youth. SUU faculty, staff and students are admitted free with a valid I.D. card.

Featuring SUU's Concert Choir, Women's Choir, and Opus Chamber Choir, the evening's program includes an array of works from the choral classical music archives. A highlight of the concert will be a performance of Franz Schubert's inspirational *Mass No. 2 in G Major*. The SUU Symphony Orchestra beautifully accompanies these pieces creating a resonating sound of splendor.

Originally composed in 1815, *Mass No. 2 in G Major* is the best known of the three shorter mass compositions and was composed in less than a week. It premiered the year after Schubert's first mass had been successfully performed in the composer's home parish. The second mass was originally more modestly scored than the first, requiring only a string orchestra and organ in addition to the soprano, tenor, and baritone soloists and choir. This 22-minute piece consists of six movements: "Kyrie," "Gloria," "Credo," "Sanctus," "Benedictus" and "Angus Dei."

Conducted by Dr. Xun Sun, SUU Symphony Orchestra will perform Johannes Brahms' *Symphony No. 1 in C Minor, Op. 68*. Brahms' symphony took nearly 20 years to compose. Observed as one of the greatest symphonies in Austro-German tradition, it was first performed in 1876.

Renew your soul through the influence of great music by attending *Songs of the Spirit*. For more information on SUU's College of Performing and Visual Arts' events, please visit 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 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.

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- WHERE:** Heritage Center Theater, Cedar City, UT
- TICKETS:** Adults: \$10, Alumni with card: \$8, Youth: \$5
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- PURCHASE:** Centrum Ticket Office, 435-586-7872 (Mon-Fri, 8am-4:30pm)
Online: www.suu.edu/pva/arts
- INFO:** www.suu.edu/pva/arts

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