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Feel the Beat at SUU's Percussion Festival

Southern Utah University, Cedar City, Utah: The SUU Percussion Festival will be held this Friday and Saturday, April 22 and 23 at Southern Utah University. A free concert will be performed in the Thorley Recital Hall on Saturday, April 23, 2016 at 7:30 p.m. and will feature guest artists, Brad Dutz and Chris Wabich along with the SUU Percussion Ensemble. This concert is free and open to the public.

Under the direction of Dr. Lynn Vartan, the SUU percussion students have been preparing for this festival and concert throughout the semester. Vartan says, "The Percussion Festival is an opportunity for SUU students as well as high school students and others interested in percussion to interact with professional percussionists from around the world. This year we are featuring Brad Dutz and Chris Wabich, who play just about every percussion instrument imaginable."

While students attend the festival, they will receive unique experience and training. Vartan looks forward to the Percussion Festival each year because it gives students "hands-on instruction in new styles and world music styles in percussion." Students will also hear from professional percussionists about topics pertaining to their area of study.

Feel the striking beats of percussion this weekend at the Southern Utah University Percussion Festival. For more information about the College of Performing and Visual Art's Department of Music percussion program, please visit www.suu.edu/pva/music/percussion.

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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- Who:** Guest Artists Brad Dutz and Chris Wabich, SUU Percussion Ensemble
- When:** Saturday, April 23, 2016
- Time:** 7:30 p.m.
- Where:** Thorley Recital Hall, Music Building, Southern Utah University, Cedar City, Utah
- Tickets:** Free Admission
- Info:** www.suu.edu/pva

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