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Musical Modern Masterpieces Sing Their Way to the Heritage Center

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Southern Utah University, Cedar City, Utah: SUU's Music Department presents an evening of Modern Masterpieces on Friday, October 7, 2016, at 7:30 pm at the Cedar City Heritage Center. This night of music features SUU's Concert Choir, Opus and Women's Choir, with special instrumentalists.

The concert will include music that is challenging, enriching and entertaining for both performer and audience alike. The centerpieces of this evening of powerful choral music include Leonard Bernstein's *Chichester Psalms* and Ariel Ramirez's *Misa Criolla*.

Steven Meredith, Associate Dean of the College of Graduate and Continuing Studies and Director of Choral Activities and Music Technology, said, "The *Chichester Psalms* by Leonard Bernstein is a marvelous work, and fun to do. But it does present some issues for singers. It is very angular and at times quite dissonant with intervals that are difficult to sing. When combined with regularly changing meters and the Hebrew text, it presents a real challenge to both mind and voice."

Meredith continues, "*Misa Criolla* by Ariel Ramirez presents some similar difficulties, especially those related to changing meters and language (in this case, Spanish). But, as opposed to being angular and dissonant, this music is very melodic and consonant, and really just a bouncy and joyous celebration of the Mass that may be surprising for some audience members."

Vocal major Macey Naumann said, "I love singing this challenging music. Both pieces are different from each other, but really beautiful in their own way. These are the types of pieces that stay with you for a long time."

Join us at the Cedar City Heritage Center on October 7th to hear these challenging pieces sung by the incredibly talented choirs from SUU. This is an evening of music you will not want to miss.

About the College of Performing and Visual Arts

The Southern Utah University College of Performing and Visual Arts is comprised of nationally accredited departments of Art and Design, Music, and Dance. The College also offers programs in Theatre Arts, graduate programs in Arts Administration and Music, as well as 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 nearly 600 majors in the College. Over 1,100 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: Musical Modern Masterpieces Sing Their Way to the Heritage Center

- What:** SUU's Music Department presents an evening of Modern Masterpieces on Friday, October 7, 2016, at 7:30 pm at the Cedar City Heritage Center. This night of music features SUU's Women's Choir, Concert Choir and Opus, with special guests SUU Guitar Ensemble and Percussionists.
- Who:** SUU Concert Choir, Opus, Women's Choir, Southern Utah University, Department of Music
- When:** Friday, October 7, 2016
- Time:** 7:30 pm
- Where:** Cedar City Heritage Center, 105 N 100 E, Cedar City, Utah
- Tickets:** \$10 for adults, \$8 for alumni with card, and \$5 for youth. SUU faculty, staff, and students can get in free with a valid ID card.
- Info:** Visit www.suu.edu/pva for more information

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