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The Great American Songbook Concert Series Features Music by George Gershwin

Southern Utah University, Cedar City, Utah: The Department of Music at Southern Utah University launches a new concert series this month called, *The Great American Songbook Series*. Ticket prices are \$10 for adults, \$5 for students, and \$25 for a season ticket to all four concerts. This new series includes two concerts each semester. The first concert will be Tuesday, October 25th, in the Southern Utah Museum of Art at 7:30 p.m. Both students and faculty will perform the music of George Gershwin.

Carol Ann Modesitt, Director of Opera/Voice at SUU, was in Indianapolis last January at a National Opera Association Conference and was inspired to create this exciting new series. Modesitt said, "Indianapolis is the home of the Great American Songbook Museum that was founded by Michael Feinstein. I started thinking about the museum and about the great American song writers that have contributed many pop standards to our culture. The list of composers is amazing. You have composers like George Gershwin, Jerome Kern, Cole Porter, Harold Arlen just to name a few."

The proceeds from this concert series will be used as a fund to assist students with instrument repair, purchase of instruments for the Department of Music, and help contribute to tours and students having the opportunity to go to conferences throughout the year. This will relieve a portion of the financial requirement that faces students studying music.

Of the venue, Modesitt said, "Once I saw SUMA this summer I thought, 'What a great place for a series like this', so I approached both Dean Mendini and Reece Summers and made a proposal for this series. They encouraged me to put in a written proposal for utilizing SUMA as the venue."

The second concert in the series will be performed on Tuesday, December 6th, at SUMA and will feature the music of Irving Berlin.

For more information about Carol Ann Modesitt and the Department of Music at SUU, please visit www.suu.edu/pva/music.

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:

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- Who:** Southern Utah University, Faculty for the Department of Music
- When:** Tuesday, October 25, 2016
- Time:** 7:30 PM
- Where:** Southern Utah Museum of Art, 13 S 300 W, Cedar City, UT 84720
- Tickets:** Ticket prices are \$10.00 for adults, \$5.00 for students, and \$25.00 for a season ticket to all four concerts. General public invited to attend
- Info:** For more information, visit www.suu.edu/pva/music.

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