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Piano Monster Dominates the Stage

Southern Utah University, Cedar City, Utah: Under the direction of Dr. Christian Bohnenstengel, the *Piano Monster Concert* will bring in over 100 piano students from all over the region reaching as far as Escalante and Santa Clara. The concert will take place in the Heritage Center Theater at 7 p.m. on Tuesday, November 29, 2016. Tickets are \$6 for adults, \$4 for alumni with a card, \$3 for youth. SUU Faculty, Staff, and students are free with a current ID.

The program includes pieces such as *Frosty the Snowman* by Steve Nelson and Walter Rollins, *Overture to the Nutcracker Suite* by Peter I. Tchaikovsky, *Haunted Mansion* by Melody Bober, and *Concerto for Four Pianos in A minor, BWV 1065* by Bach and Vivaldi.

Christian Lee, a junior Piano Performance and Composition major from Fairview, Utah, said, "The most rewarding part of preparing for this concert is seeing everything come together. That point when we're all in sync, we give it everything we've got, and we can perform something truly amazing is what makes it all worth it."

He continued, "Music is something that anyone and everyone can enjoy. As an anonymous author once said, 'For heights and depths no soul can reach, music is the soul's own speech.' That's how I feel about music, and I want nothing more than to share that with the audience as we perform."

Rachel France, piano teacher at The Music Store in St. George, said, "This is such a unique concert to have so many pianos on stage played by so many pianists at once. The hall will be filled with sound. A great way to support and enjoy the piano playing in our community!"

While preparing for the concert, Krystal Goetz said that the difficult, but exciting part of the process has been "bringing all of the details and players together. There are 110 pianists, many of whom are children. It's an adventure to say the least! However, it's so rewarding to see the kids progress and get so excited about a good run through! You can tell they feel special to be playing in a piano ensemble."

Ty Redd, Chair of the Department of Physical Science at SUU, will play the drums in this epic concert. He said that his favorite part of the rehearsal process is, "Seeing all the young musicians practicing their parts and how well Dr. Christian Bohnenstengel works with them."

Don't miss your chance to observe this monstrous performance. For more information, 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.

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