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## **First Annual *Yule Feast* Brings Holiday Joy to SUU**

**Southern Utah University, Cedar City, Utah:** The SUU Department of Music and the Department of Theatre Arts and Dance are introducing a new tradition for the holiday season. On Tuesday, November 29, 2016, the *Yule Feast* will bring an entertaining evening full of music, dance, and dinner. This dinner and concert will be held in the Great Hall at SUU's Hunter Conference Center at 6 p.m. Ticket prices are \$25 for adults, \$22 for students, and \$22 for seniors. Seating is limited to 40 guests so buy your tickets now.

Dr. Steven and Patricia Meredith from the SUU Music and Dance programs have worked together on integrated works for many years. Dr. Meredith, Associate Dean of Graduate and Continuing Studies and Associate Professor of Music, said, "The *Yule Feast* represents the opportunity to combine live music and dance together in a unique way to celebrate the holiday season. By combining the two art forms together, students learn what their colleagues in other areas go through to prepare a performance, and audience members enjoy the excitement of the collaboration."

Patricia Meredith, Assistant Professor of Dance, said, "The *Yule Feast* represents the beginning of the Holiday Season each year. It is an elegant combination of music, dance, food and friends. I am so happy we are bringing it to the Cedar City and SUU community in our first annual presentation."

As a student performer, preparing for the *Yule Feast* is a growing and rewarding experience. Allie Mathis, a Dance Performance major from Spanish Fork, Utah, said, "There is a great amount of time that goes into getting ready for a show, the time spent in rehearsals learning and being able to move and dance is the most rewarding part for me."

As a current graduate student in the Master of Music Technology program, Natasha Johnson participated in previous *Yule Feast* celebrations at Snow College under direction of the Merediths. She would, "highly recommend the upcoming performance to community members. The *Yule Feast* is truly a unique concert experience, fun not only for the audience, but the performers as well, which together creates an atmosphere that really welcomes in the holiday season."

Her favorite part of the rehearsal process is being able to create music with other students. She said, "Some of the music for this show is beautiful, fun, and just silly, but regardless of the piece, there is something about creating music as a group that brings joy amidst the hustle and bustle of this time of year."

Fill your hearts with Christmas joy and your stomachs with delicious food when you come to the first annual *Yule Feast* at Southern Utah University. For more information, please visit [www.suu.edu/pva/music](http://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](http://www.suu.edu/pva).

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