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***Five Women Wearing the Same Dress* Takes the Stage at SUU**

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Southern Utah University, Cedar City, Utah: The SUU Department of Theatre Arts and Dance is presenting *Five Women Wearing the Same Dress* on January 25, 27, 28 and February 2 at 7:30 p.m. with a matinee on February 4 at 2 p.m. All performances will be held in the Eileen and Allen Anes Studio Theatre in the Beverley Center for the Arts. Tickets are \$10 for adults, \$8 for alumni with a card, and \$5 for youth. Southern Utah University faculty, staff, and students are free with a valid ID card. Faculty and staff IDs are allowed one guest. Tickets are available at the door, in person at the Centrum Ticket Office, or at suu.edu/pva. ***Five Women Wearing the Same Dress* contains mature content, strong language, and sexual themes.**

Five Women Wearing the Same Dress is set in the bedroom of a Knoxville, Tennessee manor. The show revolves around five bridesmaids who would rather hideout in the comfort of a bedroom instead of dealing with the drama of the wedding reception below. True individuality shows through each character throughout the play. The women find a common thread that ties them together, and it isn't from the dresses.

Kade Cox, director of the production, said, "The bridesmaids in this play, in their search for connection, struggle to realize how common the fear of isolation actually is. As these characters make this discovery, our audience can also begin to see the reassurance in a friend's helping hand."

He continued, "As a graduating senior studying, collaborating with a team of designers, assisting with production marketing with the college, coordinating with stage managers, and guiding an ensemble of actors on their journey has all been a tremendous learning experience. Unlike many college productions, where the director and designers are typically professors of the department, *Five Women Wearing the Same Dress*, has students filling nearly every role in the production team."

Tiffani Allen, a senior Theatre Education major from Kaysville, Utah, plays Frances in the production. She said, "My favorite part of the rehearsal process has been making new discoveries about my character and her past, and her relationships with the other characters. Every rehearsal we all discover something new, a line will mean something different, or a piece of blocking informs a relationship amongst the characters. We are portraying vastly different women, yet we are all able to find some common ground, and even some unexpected friendships, discovering the moments when that happens has been so much fun, and so exciting!"

Lauren Hoover, senior Bachelor of Fine Arts in Classical Acting candidate from Las Vegas, Nevada, said, "This show is a comedy but it also has some very real truths revealed in it. My character, Meredith, confesses some very heavy subject matter to the rest of the cast throughout the production. It has been challenging to talk about and connect with that content. People should come and see this show because it will make people laugh and have a good time

while also showing an audience a wide range of characters and struggles that everyone, men included, can relate.”

Enjoy the sidesplitting humor of *Five Women Wearing the Same Dress*. For more information, please visit www.suu.edu/pva/ta.

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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