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SUU's Department of Music Performs *Abendmusik*

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Southern Utah University, Cedar City, Utah: On Tuesday, February 21, 2017, Southern Utah University's Department of Music will present an Adjunct Faculty Recital titled *Abendmusik*. In German, abendmusik means "evening music". This inaugural concert will be held in the Thorley Recital Hall at 7:30 p.m. Admission is free and open to the public.

Dr. Lawrence Johnson, Associate Professor of Music and organizer of this concert, said, "The event will prove to be an enjoyable evening of music performed by many of SUU's talented adjunct faculty, including Jackie Riddle Jackson - soprano, Shannon Birch - soprano, Mary Anne Andersen - piano, LeGrand Andersen - piano, Roland Stearns - guitar, Adrienne Read - flute, Michelle Lambert - trombone, and Kara Barney - soprano. Be sure to reserve the date for this special premiere!"

This evening of music will involve other performers including faculty members from SUU's Department of Music. Dr. Lawrence Johnson - tenor, and Dr. Steven Meredith - bass-baritone will assist in a set of vocal quartets, duets, and solos accompanied by piano duet, and a guest artist, Tracy Carr - oboe, to assist in a duet with oboe and guitar.

Michelle Lambert said, "This is my fourth year teaching at SUU. I taught at Chadron State College in Nebraska before coming here. I'll be playing *Hymn for the Lost and the Living* by Eric Ewazen. It was written to honor the victims of the 9/11 terrorist attacks in 2001. It combines a reflective, mournful melody with moments of hope and optimism. I think community members will enjoy coming to a concert that features a wide variety of musical influences and genres."

Kara Barney has been teaching at SUU since 2015. She said, "Each piece has its own individual character and flair. I have chosen a piece that I've never performed but I absolutely love." Her process of rehearsing includes, "really internalizing the complexities of any contemporary classical piece of music. I have to discover the character who is singing the role; who is she, why is she saying the things she is saying, what is the underlying message? And above all, how do the voice and the accompaniment interplay?"

Join the Department of Music for their inaugural *Abendmusik: An Adjunct Faculty Recital*. It will truly be an evening of music that you won't want to miss. 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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- Who:** Adjunct Faculty for the Department of Music at Southern Utah University
- When:** February 21, 2017
- Time:** 7:30 p.m.
- Where:** Thorley Recital Hall, Southern Utah University, Cedar City, Utah
- Tickets:** Free admission, general public is invited to attend
- Info:** For more information, please visit www.suu.edu/pva/music.

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