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**SOUTHERN UTAH UNIVERSITY**

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## **Concert Pianist Returns to SUU**

Written by Ashley H Pollock

**Southern Utah University, Cedar City, Utah:** The Department of Music at Southern Utah University will host Pierce Emata, pianist, on Monday, February 27, 2017 at 7:30 p.m. in the Thorley Recital Hall. Emata will also be teaching a master class from 2 to 4 p.m. Both, master class and concert, are free and open to the public. Audience members will be treated to works by Frédéric Chopin, Claude Debussy, and George Gershwin.

With his Bachelor and Master degrees from Indiana University, Emata coached with international concert pianists Alfonso Montecino, John Ogdon, and Gyorgy Sebok. He has also coached with Istvan Nadas, as well as John Simms of the University of Iowa. Emata is currently living in Las Vegas and is a member of the summer piano faculty at the Interlochen Arts Camp in Michigan. This international arts camp serves 2,700 students from over 50 countries each year.

Emata performed at SUU in 1992. He said, "I'm delighted to be returning to SUU to perform an eclectic program that ranges from Chopin to George Gershwin, and the Utah premiere of a piece by Cuban-American composer Michael Colina, written in 2001. This program consists of pieces that I feel a close affinity to, and enjoy sharing with audiences."

As a recipient of artist project grants and fellowships from the Indiana and Nevada arts commissions for his work in performing, recording, and composition, he gives back to the surrounding communities. Emata's series of informal commentary concerts, trademarked and titled *Concerts & Conversation*, has been widely presented throughout the Midwestern and Western United States, with broadcasts on NPR affiliates in Washington, Idaho, and South Dakota.

Angie Hanks, Sophomore Music Education Major, said, "It is really cool to have guest artists on campus, especially with the master classes, because you can actually see them apply what they teach."

Enjoy this special master class and recital by guest pianist, Pierce Emata. For more information about Emata, please visit [www.emata.com](http://www.emata.com).

### **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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- Who:** Pierce Emata, Guest Pianist
- When:** Monday, February 27, 2017
- Time:** 7:30 PM
- Where:** Thorley Recital Hall
- Tickets:** Free admission
- Info:** For more information, please visit [www.suu.edu/pva](http://www.suu.edu/pva).

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