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Percussion Tour Headed to Vegas this March

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Southern Utah University, Cedar City, Utah: SUU Percussion is touring Las Vegas, Henderson, and Summerlin March 8 through 10 to perform at high schools in the area. The percussion students have been preparing for this tour over the past few months. All performances are free.

Dr. Lynn Vartan, Director of Percussion at SUU, said, "SUU Percussion is hitting the road again! We are so excited, especially since it has been over a year since we toured. We are going to the Las Vegas area. The students can't wait to travel again, since it is a time to really grow as performers as well as a group socially! We can't wait to share our great pieces with the Vegas schools!"

Marissa Brown, senior candidate for a Bachelor of Music in Percussion Performance, said, "My favorite part of preparing for the percussion tour is when we get closer to the concert and we get to start running through the pieces. I love hearing all the parts come together - each person is important and when everyone comes together and you are able to hear the full project it's very exciting! Sometimes before you hear the music collectively you might not understand how your part fits in. It's like baking a cake. The flour, butter, sugar, and eggs are all very different ingredients, but when you put them all together - it's delicious!"

Jordan Nielsen, a junior Percussion Performance Major from Price, Utah, said, "My favorite piece that we are performing is titled, 'Spiraling Light' by Nathan Daughtrey. I have learned that each piece has its own special energy that allows for amazing performances. Preparing for this tour and concerts has taught me a fierce independence in my playing ability, my connection with my performing friends, and that music is always a wonderful experience."

Revel in the boisterous sounds of SUU Percussion in Las Vegas. 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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