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SUU's Symphony Orchestra and *Luminosa* Women's Choir Present *Landscapes*

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Southern Utah University, Cedar City, Utah: SUU's Department of Music will feature the SUU Symphony Orchestra and *Luminosa* Women's Choir in a concert titled, *Landscapes*, on Thursday, April 13, 2017. The concert will be performed at the Heritage Center Theater at 7:30 p.m. Tickets are \$10 for adults and \$5 for students and children. Southern Utah University faculty, staff, and students are free with a valid ID card. Faculty and staff IDs are allowed one guest. Tickets can be purchased at the door the night of the show or online at www.suu.edu/pva.

Canés Nicolas, Director of the Symphony Orchestra at SUU, said, "Since our concert will be featuring so many pieces from various countries and composers, we have decided to give it the title of *Landscapes*. A quote from Plato seems fitting for what we hope to express through our music. He said, 'Music gives a soul to the universe, wings to the mind, flight to the imagination and life to everything.'"

With the above quote from Plato as their inspiration, the SUU Symphony Orchestra and Women's choir, *Luminosa* have put together a concert full of varied sound. Music has a way of traveling across borders of countries and the space of time to bring together many people of different backgrounds.

Caitlin Lucero, a music major originally from Guam, said, "The pieces we have prepared for the performance are unique, from a Haitian piece to Baroque to 20th century music. In learning these pieces, we've pick up different styles in each of them and as a group, we've all worked together to portray a diverse and entertaining repertoire."

Students from both the Symphony Orchestra and *Luminosa* have found preparing for this concert to be a benefit to their education and performance experience. It has helped them grow in technique as well as in group performance.

Claire Robinson, a vocal performance major from Pleasant Grove, Utah, said, "The rehearsal process for *Luminosa* has been very different. The choir is all women which means we have a different sound when we sing. It has sometimes been challenging to get the type of style or sound we want. Dr. McCoy is challenging the choir with songs that require different languages like Hebrew and Persian. It has been fun learning how to develop different sounds."

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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