



**COLLEGE OF
PERFORMING & VISUAL ARTS**
SOUTHERN UTAH UNIVERSITY

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE: 10/25/2017

Ashley H Pollock, Public Relations & Information Coordinator
College of Performing and Visual Arts
Southern Utah University

Office: (435) 865-8667
Cell: (435) 590-0961
pollocka@suu.edu

Celebrating Beethoven's Musical Legacy

Written by Tracy Solimeno

Southern Utah University, Cedar City, Utah: Southern Utah University Department of Music's Symphony Orchestra presents *The Great Beethoven Concert*. Come celebrate the 190th Anniversary of Ludwig van Beethoven's life through a performance of his symphonic works on Wednesday, November 1, 2017, at 7:30 p.m. in the SUU Music Building's Thorley Recital Hall. Admission is free and open to the public.

Beethoven was the first freelance composer in history, thus allowing him the freedom and finances to produce work based on his own desires. His work was revolutionary then and his symphonies are still considered some of the most successful of all time. Beethoven felt that, "Music is a higher revelation than all wisdom and philosophy. Music is the electrical soil in which the spirit lives, thinks and invents."

Jan Swafford, composer, educator, and author of *Beethoven, Anguish and Triumph* wrote, "There was something exalted about him that was noted first in his teens and often thereafter. He was utterly sure of himself and his gift, but no less self-critical and without sentimentality concerning his work."

The evening's performance will be conducted by, Dr. Xun Sun, Associate Professor of Music and Director of Orchestral Activities at Southern Utah University. A bit of a child prodigy himself; he began formal music training and violin studies at Wuhan Conservatory of Music in China at age 11. Dr. Sun has conducted for numerous orchestras including: China Philharmonic, Henan Symphony Orchestra, Anhui Symphony, Hunan Symphony and Hubei Symphony Orchestra in China, and Lviv Philharmonic in Ukraine, and The Orchestra of Southern Utah in Cedar City, Utah.

Music for the evening includes, *Egmont Overture* Op. 84, *Symphony No. 1 in C Major* Op. 21 (First Movement), *Symphony No. 8 in F Major* Op. 93 (Second and Third movement), *Piano Concerto No. 1 in C Major* Op. 15 (First movement) with guest soloist James Jolley, and *Violin Concert in D Major* Op. 61 (Second movement).

The performance will be followed by guest speaker, Dr. Douglas Ipson, Assistant Professor, Music Theory and History at Southern Utah University. Dr. Ipson is an active choral composer, arranger, and author whose work has been performed by the Mormon Tabernacle Choir and BYU Singers.

Immerse yourself in the sounds that have shaped musical history for centuries. For more information on SUU's Music Department, 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 programs in Art & 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 26 academic programs, 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 over 600 majors in the College. 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.

For Calendar Editors: Celebrating Beethoven's Musical Legacy

- What:** Southern Utah University Department of Music's Symphony Orchestra presents *The Great Beethoven Concert*. Come celebrate the 190th Anniversary of Ludwig van Beethoven's life through a performance of his symphonic works on Wednesday, November 1, 2017, at 7:30 p.m. in the SUU Music Building's Thorley Recital Hall. Admission is free and open to the public.
- Who:** *The Great Beethoven Concert*
- When:** Wednesday, November 1, 2017
- Time:** 7:30 PM
- Where:** Thorley Recital Hall, Music Building, Southern Utah University, Cedar City, Utah
- Tickets:** Free admission
- Info:** For more information, please visit www.suu.edu/pva/music.

###