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## **Musical, *Assassins*, Takes SUU Back in American History**

Written by Ashley H Pollock

**Southern Utah University, Cedar City, Utah:** SUU's Department of Theatre Arts & Dance will perform the musical *Assassins* on November 3, 4, 6, and 10 at 7:30 p.m. and November 11 at 2:00 and 7:30 p.m. in the Eileen and Allen Anes Studio Theatre located within the Beverley Taylor Sorenson Center for the Arts. *Assassins* contains adult content and strong language and is for mature audiences. Tickets are \$15 for adults, \$12 for Alumni with their card, and \$7 for high school students. Southern Utah University faculty, staff, and students are free with a valid ID card. Faculty and staff IDs are allowed one guest. Tickets are available at the SUU Centrum Ticket Office (435) 586-7872 on Monday-Friday from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. or at [www.suu.edu/pva](http://www.suu.edu/pva).

*Assassins*, written by Stephen Sondheim and John Weidman, brings together the individuals that assassinated or attempted to assassinate former Presidents of the United States. It is a musical that digs into the minds of these people and explores the reasoning behind their actions.

On the website, [stageagent.com](http://stageagent.com), it says, "While every nation has its assassins and would-be assassins, only in America, the authors suggest, do disturbed and disturbing individuals act not because they hope to influence national politics, but because they are wrapped up in a malignant sense of entitlement. Feeling betrayed by the failed promise of American democracy and the American Dream, they strike out at the symbol for America: the American President. *Assassins* spans several musical styles and many decades in a dizzying series of musical and theatrical inventions that culminate in the assassination of John F. Kennedy."

Due to the sensitive content of this production, the Department of Theatre Arts & Dance has arranged three pre-show talks to be held prior to the performances on November 3, 10, and 11 at 6:30 p.m. in the Garth and Jerri Frehner Rehearsal/Education Hall, also located in the Beverley Taylor Sorenson Center for the Arts. These talks will feature Dr. Laura Davis, Assistant Professor of History at SUU, Dr. Earl Mulderink, Professor of History at SUU, and Dr. Michelle Orihel, Associate Professor of History at SUU. They each will present the history behind these events.

Get a look into the twisted minds of these historical figures. For more information about the play, visit [www.mtishows.com/assassins](http://www.mtishows.com/assassins).

### **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](http://www.suu.edu/pva).

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