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Big Band and Be-Bop with SUU's Jazz Ensemble

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Southern Utah University, Cedar City, Utah: Be-Bop with SUU's Department of Music Jazz Ensemble at 7:30 p.m. on Thursday, November 16, 2017, in the SUU Music Building's Thorley Recital Hall. Music will range from big band to contemporary jazz and promises lively rhythms and soulful compositions. Admission is free and open to the public.

The Jazz Ensemble will be playing *When You're Smiling* by Tom Kubis, featuring Johnny Rhur on Tenor Sax. *Minuano* by Pat Metheny, featuring Logan Wilson on Trumpet, *Bebop Charlie* by Bob Florence, *Hear of the Matter* by Bob Mintzer, with solos by Robby Debry, Trombone, Hayden Eighmy and Chase Woods, Alto Sax.

Tom Kubis and Bob Florence were both big band composers who worked in Hollywood. Bob Florence was a child prodigy that gave his first recital at age seven. He received fifteen Grammy nominations and two Emmy's. In 2009, *Jazzed Magazine* named Bob Florence's *Live Concerts by the Sea* as one of the 25 Best Big Band Recordings of all time and said that Bob Florence's "original compositions are consistently excellent and his arrangements are actually so unique that they fall into a category closer to "re-composition.""

The music of Pat Metheny has a sound that is unique, contemporary, and reflective of a newer generation of Jazz artists. Lloyd Peterson from the *Scarecrow Press Book* felt that, "the creative genius of Pat Metheny lies deep beneath the surface, a place of heartfelt passion and beauty, of melodic depth and spirit." His music feels both effortless and innovative.

Johnny Ruhr, a senior at Southern Utah University, said, "Persistence is key! Hard work pays off! You get out what you put in! The list can go on. Music has been a huge role in my life. It is a stress reliever, a confidence booster, and most of all it is enjoyable. I love it!"

Adam Lambert, Director of Bands and Brass studies at SUU, said, "This is an all new band with a lot of new faces. They've worked hard, are swinging hard, and sounding great!"

Let your inner rhythm sing as you bop with the SUU Jazz Ensemble. 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.

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