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Monstrous Sound Echoes from the *Piano Monster Concert*

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Southern Utah University, Cedar City, Utah: The *Piano Monster Concert*, under the direction of Dr. Christian Bohnenstengel, will once again bring in over 100 piano students from all over the region. The concert will take place in the Heritage Center Theater at 7:00 p.m. on Tuesday, November 28, 2017. Tickets are \$6 for adults, \$4 for alumni with a card, \$3 for youth. SUU faculty, staff, and students are free with a current ID.

Students and teachers alike have been preparing for this one-of-a-kind concert since late October. Participants were able to sign up as late as October 20 and were given the opportunity to play with as many groups as they wanted.

Mary Anne Andersen, a veteran of the concert and Adjunct Faculty at SUU, said, "What is nine pianos, over 100 players, and a drum set all on the same stage called? A piano orchestra, of course! Hear piano players of all ages perform classical, pop, or jazz tunes, synchronized under the baton of a single conductor. Come and enjoy this ever-popular concert."

Piano players with skill levels ranging from Beginner through Advanced will take the stage to execute a concert of epic proportions. Pieces to be performed include *Theme from Trumpet Concerto in E-Flat* by Franz Joseph Haydn, *Hallelujah Chorus* by George Frideric Handel, *Soul Bossa Nova* by Quincy Jones, *Inspector Gadget* by Haim Saban and Shuki Levy, and *Berceuse* and *Mi-a-ou* from Gabriel Fauré's *Dolly Suite*, Op. 56.

Dr. Lawrence Johnson, Chair of the Department of Music at SUU said, "The *Piano Monster Concert* provides an excellent opportunity for children of all ages to collaborate with many other piano students to perform in a professional venue with several pianos on stage! And the audience gets the chance to hear numerous combinations of duets, trios, quartets, octets, and even larger, that are not heard anywhere else! Great fun for all...a must see and hear!"

Embrace the enormity of the *Piano Monster Concert* on Tuesday, November 28, 2017. For more information about the *Piano Monster Concert*, visit www.suu.edu/pva/music/monsterconcert.html.

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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