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Series Enchants SUU with Broadway Classics

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Southern Utah University, Cedar City, Utah: The *Great American Songbook Series* continues on Tuesday, December 5, 2017, in the Southern Utah Museum of Art (SUMA) at 7:30 p.m. with SUU's Department of Music students and faculty performing the songs of Rodgers and Hammerstein. Ticket prices are \$10 for adults and \$5 for student.

Claire Robinson, Vocal Performance major from Pleasant Grove, Utah, said, "Rodgers and Hammerstein shows are the classics. Everyone knows them and loves them. Those who attend will hear their favorite musical theatre hits."

Oscar Hammerstein II came from a long line of theatrical greats. Both of his grandfathers, Horace Greeley and Oscar I, his father, William, and uncle, Arthur, worked in one way or another to promote or run artistic outlets. Hammerstein began his work in the theatre as an assistant stage manager for his uncle. His greatest success as a lyricist and librettist came when he partnered with Richard Rodgers with Broadway musicals such as *Oklahoma*, *The King and I*, *South Pacific*, and *The Sound of Music*. Hammerstein died of stomach cancer in 1960. He was named the "man who owned Broadway". Hammerstein was honored with a global centennial celebration in 1995 and a PBS special titled "Some Enchanted Evening".

Rodgers continued as a composer and lyricist following the death of Hammerstein. Rodgers died in 1972. According to the Rodgers & Hammerstein website, "He was honored posthumously in 1990 with Broadway's highest accolade when the 46th Street Theatre, owned and operated by the Nederlander Organization, was renamed The Richard Rodgers Theatre, home to The Richard Rodgers Gallery, a permanent exhibit in the lobby areas which honors the composer's life and works."

The proceeds from this concert series will be used as a fund to assist students with instrument repair and contribute to student travel for conferences throughout the year. This will relieve a portion of the financial requirement that faces students studying music. Upcoming *Great American Songbook Series* concerts scheduled for the 2017-2018 school year include Tuesday, February 13, 2017, featuring songs by Johnny Mercer and Tuesday, March 27, 2017, featuring the music of Harold Arlen.

Enjoy the Broadway classics of Rodgers and Hammerstein this holiday season. For more information about the Department of Music at SUU, 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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- Who:** Department of Music students and faculty, Southern Utah University
- When:** Tuesday, December 5, 2017
- Time:** 7:30 p.m.
- Where:** Southern Utah Museum of Art, 13 S 300 W, Cedar City, Utah
- Tickets:** Ticket prices are \$10 for adults and \$5 for students.
- Info:** For more information, please visit www.suu.edu/pva.

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