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SUU's Department of Theatre Arts & Dance to Host Fifth Annual Festival of Trees November 30 – December 2, 2017

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Southern Utah University, Cedar City, Utah: A community celebration of caring and giving is planned when SUU's Department of Theatre Arts & Dance presents a holiday Festival of Trees. This family event runs from November 30 through December 2, 2017 in the lobby of the Randall L. Jones Theatre. Hours for viewing are 3 p.m. until 8 p.m. on November 30 – December 1 and 9 a.m. until 8 p.m. on December 2. While donations of canned goods are requested to be brought to the theatre to benefit Iron County Care and Share, all events are free and open to the public.

The Festival of Trees is not only a community event to celebrate the season, but also a way to raise funds for Iron County Care and Share. All trees on display have been decorated and provided by local businesses and individuals. These trees are donated to the festival and will be sold through silent auction, with all proceeds being donated to Iron County Care and Share. To add to the festivities once again the balcony of the Randall L. Jones Theatre will be decorated with the Utah Shakespeare Festival's Christmas Village, which is sure a sight to behold.

Saturday, December 2 will truly be a family orientated day at the Festival. Starting at 9:30 a.m. there will be readings of Christmas stories as well as a coloring station for children. Santa will join the festival from about 10 a.m. until 1 p.m. and be in the lobby for children and families to visit. During all open house times, there will be a place for visitors to bid on trees. Winning bids will be announced on December 2 and trees delivered soon after. In support of the Festival of Trees, with a donation of a can of food, the Department of Theatre Arts & Dance is offering a \$2 discount on the price of admission to *BENEATH THE SURFACE: An Original Choreographed Dance Concert*.

For more information or for inquiries about performing or donating a tree please contact Brian Swanson, swanson@suu.edu or at 435.865.8674.

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:** SUU's Department of Theatre Arts & Dance
- When:** Hours for viewing are 3 p.m. until 8 p.m. on November 30 – December 1 and 9 a.m. until 8 p.m. on December 2.
- Where:** Lobby of the Randall L. Jones Theatre
- Tickets:** All Festival of Tree events are free and open to the public.
- Info:** For more information, please visit www.suu.edu/pva.

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