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**SUU High School Jazz Festival presents
Grammy Award-Winner, Aaron Lington**

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Southern Utah University, Cedar City, Utah: The 2018 SUU High School Jazz Festival presents the SUU Jazz Ensemble in concert featuring the Grammy Award-Winning Saxophonist, Aaron Lington, Saturday, February 17, 2018, at 1:30 p.m. at the Heritage Center Theatre. This concert is free and open to the public.

Dr. Adam Lambert, Associate Professor of Music and Director of Bands at SUU, said, "The SUU High School Jazz Festival gives regional high school jazz bands an opportunity to prepare and receive feedback on their Spring jazz repertoire in preparation for their upcoming region festivals. The festival will culminate with an amazing opportunity to watch the SUU Jazz Ensemble perform exciting music with a nationally recognized guest artist. This year, Aaron Lington, Grammy Award winning artist and Director of Jazz Studies at San Jose State University, will perform with the SUU Jazz Band. Additionally, Mr. Lington will give a clinic on jazz improvisation immediately following the concert."

The SUU High School Jazz Festival is committed to the encouragement and fostering of jazz performance and education in the schools. As such, they invite the participation of jazz big bands and combos of any variety to register. The goal is to create a noncompetitive, positive, and supportive learning environment for jazz groups of all skill levels.

Johnny Ruhr, a senior majoring in Engineering Technology from Cedar City, said, "This year I've focused on improving my solo abilities. Dr. Lambert and I have been working hard on taking my playing to the next level. I have learned that hard work and determination pay off!"

Enjoy the musical expression of SUU's Jazz Ensemble and Grammy Award-Winning Saxophonist, Aaron Lington, on Saturday, February 17, 2018. For more information on the Department of Music at SUU, please visit www.suu.edu/pva/music.

About the College of Performing and Visual Arts

The College of Performing and Visual Arts (CPVA) at Southern Utah University comprises 26 academic programs including liberal arts (BA/BS) and professional (BFA, BM) degrees in art, design, dance, music and theatre. It offers graduate programs in the fields of arts administration, music education, and music technology. More than 60 full- and part-time faculty and staff are engaged in teaching and mentoring over 600 majors in the College. CPVA presents over 100 performances, lectures, presentations, and exhibitions each year and is affiliated with the

Southern Utah Museum of Art (SUMA), Utah Shakespeare Festival, and the Center for Shakespeare Studies. Southern Utah University is an accredited member of the National Association of Schools of Art & Design (NASAD), National Association of Schools of Dance (NASD), and the National Association of Schools of Music (NASM). For more information about the College of Performing and Visual Arts, visit www.suu.edu/pva.

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