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***Legacy of Roy Halversen: A Presentation and Concert by the new  
SUU Halversen Strings***

Written by Ashley H Pollock

**Southern Utah University, Cedar City, Utah:** The Department of Music at Southern Utah University pays tribute to Roy Lemon Halversen with the *Legacy of Roy Halversen: A Presentation and Concert by the new SUU Halversen Strings*, on Wednesday, March 28, 2018 at 7:30 p.m. in the Thorley Recital Hall in SUU's Music Building. Halversen, a former professor of music served the Cedar City community for over 43 years. Admission is free and open to the public.

Sara Penny, director of Southern Utah Suzuki Program and former student of Mr. Halversen, said, "Roy Halversen gave his students a high standard of playing and built a strong string foundation in our community. His students have gone on to be performers and teachers, including Melissa Thorley Lewis, who is now with the Utah Symphony."

In the article for his 1970 Honorary Degree in the 73<sup>rd</sup> Annual Commencement program for Southern Utah State College, it was written, "Much of the important work of Roy Halversen's life was accomplished as a performer or as a conductor, but the scenes of his greatest contributions were the classrooms and his studio where he met his students. And those students were of all ages...Hundreds of young boys and girls grew up on the violin or other string instrument because of Roy. His greatest success and the greatest monument of his life are his students."

Penny went on to say, "Mr. Halversen helped found Cedar City Music Arts as a catalyst to bring professional musicians to Cedar City, including violinist Isaac Stern and the Utah Symphony. He taught elementary through college students and orchestras. I remember him coming to East Elementary when I was in 3<sup>rd</sup> grade to encourage new students and I started studying with him that summer. By 6<sup>th</sup> grade he had me at the back of the second violins for *Messiah* and several of us as Cedar High students played in the college opera pit orchestras for productions such as *Rigoletto*. It was a privilege to learn from such an accomplished musician."

Dr. Lawrence Johnson, Chair of the Department of Music at SUU, will give a presentation on the life and legacy of Halversen. Guests and former students of Halversen's will also celebrate his dedication to music. A special thanks to Paula Mitchell for preparing the Roy Halversen display and documents.

Celebrate the life of this dedicated professor and enjoy a concert featuring the new SUU Halversen Strings. For more information, please visit [www.suu.edu/pva/music](http://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](http://www.suu.edu/pva).

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