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## **Ensembles Take the Stage at SUU this Spring**

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**Southern Utah University, Cedar City, Utah:** The Department of Music at SUU is gearing up for their Ensembles Concerts this semester, beginning with the Woodwind and Brass Ensembles on Monday, April 2, followed by the String and Piano Ensembles on Monday, April 9, and concluding with the Jazz Ensemble on Tuesday, April 10. All performances will be held at 7:30 p.m. in the Thorley Recital Hall of the Music Building on SUU's campus. These concerts are free and open to the public.

Dr. Xun Sun, Associate Professor of Music at SUU, said "With the small group of students in this ensemble setting, it gives both faculty members and students a great opportunity to work closely and discuss the details of chamber music studies. The String Ensemble will play masterpieces from composers such as Dvorak, Vaughan Williams, and Shostakovich."

Students who participate in the ensembles work throughout the semester on the musical pieces they will perform at these final recitals. This prepares them for future work with small groups of musicians and teaches them technique.

"The spring recital features works for piano duo (two pianos) and piano duet (two players, one piano). However, the Piano Ensemble rehearsed all works as a group, just like an orchestra, and everyone became familiar with the repertoire," said Dr. Christian Bohnenstengel, Assistant Professor of Music. "This is a unique and exciting process for us pianists who usually play by ourselves."

Southern Utah University is accredited by the National Association of Schools of Music (NASM) and offers SUU students a wide array of musical opportunities that can lead to a performance degree in music or a teaching degree in music. SUU music faculty have performing expertise which assists students to pursue professional performance careers.

Dr. Adam Lambert, Director of Bands at SUU, said, "The jazz ensemble is preparing to play some very exciting music from a wide variety of styles. I'm excited for the community to hear what these jazz students are doing."

Join us and support these students in their musical endeavors. For more information about the Department of Music at SUU, 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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- Where:** Thorley Recital Hall, Music Building, Southern Utah University, Cedar City, Utah
- Tickets:** Admission is free and open to the public.
- Info:** For more information, please visit [www.suu.edu/pva](http://www.suu.edu/pva).

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