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Laugh Your Way Through *Urinetown: The Musical*

Written by Ashley H Pollock

Southern Utah University, Cedar City, Utah: SUU's Department of Theatre Arts & Dance will perform *Urinetown: The Musical* on April 13, 14, 16, and 20 at 7:30 p.m. and April 14 and 21 at 2:00 p.m. in the Randall L Jones Theatre located within the Beverley Taylor Sorenson Center for the Arts. Tickets are \$15 for adults, \$12 for Alumni with their card, and \$7 for youth. Southern Utah University faculty, staff, and students are free with a valid ID card. Faculty and staff ID cards are allowed one guest. Tickets are available at the SUU Centrum Ticket Office (435) 586-7872 Monday-Friday from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. or at www.suu.edu/pva.

Keaton Delmar Johns, senior Musical Theatre BFA candidate playing the role of Bobby Strong, said, "This is my last semester and my last show at SUU. Bobby Strong is a fantastic role with a lot of big singing to do, so I've had to practice rigorously on my vocals in finding good placement, finding the healthy option, and finding the character through the music itself. I like to think of this role as the amalgamation of all my training here at SUU put to work."

"I love seeing the cast progress, particularly going through the music," said Ruth Faulkner, Senior Theatre Tech and Design BFA candidate, from Boulder City, NV. "As a sound designer, it's really rewarding seeing the show come together in that regard from each rehearsal I get to see to the next."

Urinetown: The Musical is a satire that encompasses the legal system, capitalism, and even musical theatre. With songs such as "Too Much Exposition", "It's a Privilege to Pee", and "I See a River", everyone will be rolling in their seats with laughter.

Ian Allred, Junior Musical Theatre BFA candidate, said, "This show is nonstop, it is fast paced and crazy from start to finish. I actually started going to the gym regularly for the first time in probably five years so I'd be able to make it through all the dance numbers."

"I am frequently moved to tears from laughing so hard as I watch this cast of actors in rehearsals or sit in meetings with the design team," said Melinda Vaughn, Assistant Professor of Theatre Arts and Director. "It is such a treat to work on this production, where nearly nothing is off limits, the artists are in top comedic and creative form, and we can just have a sense of humor about every little thing this musical satire has to offer."

Experience the hilarity of this three time Tony Award Winning production with your friends and family. To learn more about the play, visit www.mtishows.com/urinetown. For more information about the College of Performing and Visual Arts, please visit www.suu.edu/pva.

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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