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## **A Night Out on the Town with the *Spring Swing Thing***

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**Southern Utah University, Cedar City, Utah:** Southern Utah University is bringing swing dancing to life with an evening of dance lessons and jazz music. The *Spring Swing Thing* will hit the dance floor on Monday, April 23, 2018 at the Gilbert Great Hall located in the Hunter Conference Center. Dance lessons will be provided at 7:00 p.m. by SUU Provost, James Sage, and his amazing wife, Toni Sage, who works as the Director of Student Success. The concert and dance will begin at 7:30 p.m. Semi-formal dress is encouraged. This event is free and open to the public.

Dr. Adam Lambert, Director of Bands at SUU, said, "This is something new for our campus and community...a night of swing dancing. The Jazz Ensemble has been preparing 60+ tunes for the event. It's going to be a blast!"

During the 1920s and '30s, getting dressed up and going out dancing were a main form of entertainment. This social dance is geared to bring back the enjoyment of going out and making a night of it with dance and music.

"We have been teaching dance lessons for SUU employees for the last four years and just recently were able to expand to community members through the new SUU Community Education program," said Toni Sage. "With this event, we are hoping to gauge the community's interest in participating in a more formal dinner and dance club. We were part of one in our prior community that had been around since 1928. We found it was a good way to meet new people, learn a new dance step or two, and enjoy an elegant evening of music performed by talented musicians. It was a wonderful date night."

Sponsors of the *Spring Swing Thing* include SUU Department of Music, SUU Community Education, and the President's Office.

"We are thrilled to be able to bring these types of fun, cultural experiences to our local community," said Melynda Thorpe, SUU Director of Community & Academic Enrichment. "You don't have to be an expert dancer – with a live band and instructors on sight to teach dance lessons, grab a dance partner and come and enjoy."

Dance the night away with your favorite dance partner, listen to the sweet sounds of jazz music, and get dressed up for a night out on the town. 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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- When:** Monday, April 23, 2018
- Time:** 7:00 p.m. for Dance Lessons and 7:30 p.m. for Dancing and Jazz Music
- Where:** Gilbert Great Hall located in the Hunter Conference Center on SUU Campus, Cedar City, Utah
- Tickets:** This event is free and open to the public.
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