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## **Robert Nakea, International Pianist, to Perform at SUU**

Written by Ashley H Pollock

**Southern Utah University, Cedar City, Utah:** Robert Nakea, international pianist, will take the stage on Wednesday and Thursday, August 29 and 30, 2018, at 7:30 p.m. in the Thorley Recital Hall at SUU's Music Building. He will feature the music of Frédéric François Chopin, each night covering different pieces throughout Chopin's career. These concerts are free and open to the public.



Robert Nakea, a part native Hawaiian, started learning piano at age six, and by age 15 made his solo debut with the Honolulu Symphony. He holds a Master's Degree in Piano Performance from Brigham Young University. Nakea is a two-time laureate of the Gina Bachauer International Piano Competition (1988 and 1994), and first-prize winner in the Joseph Fisch International Piano Competition (1986).

Nakea's career has taken him on tour throughout the United States and Europe, performing in such venues as Norway's Bergen International Music Festival, the Eisteddfod Festival in Wales, and Opera Festival di Roma in Italy. Last summer, Nakea gave a concert in Wengen, Switzerland as part of its guest artist summer series.

Enjoy the masterpieces of Frédéric François Chopin as performed by Robert Nakea for two nights only. For more information about the Department of Music at Southern Utah University, 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 (MFA, MA), music education (MME), and music technology (MM). More than 60 full-time faculty and staff are engaged in teaching and mentoring nearly 700 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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