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International Artist Performs with Cedar City Students

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Southern Utah University, Cedar City, Utah: SUU's Music Masterwork Series presents the *SUU Orchestra Concert* on Monday, October 15, 2018, at 7:30 p.m. in the Heritage Center Theater. This concert will feature guest piano soloist Dr. Fang Zhang from Renmin University of China. Music from Ludwig Van Beethoven, Franz Liszt, and Dmitri Shostakovich will be performed throughout the evening. Tickets are \$10 for adults and \$5 for youth. Southern Utah University faculty, staff, and students are free with a valid ID card. Faculty and staff IDs are allowed one guest. Tickets can be purchased at the door the night of the concert or online at www.suu.edu/pva.

The SUU Orchestra, comprised of student instrumentalists from SUU's campus, rehearses four hours each week during the semester and performs at least twice each semester. The Orchestra performs from the standard orchestral repertoire, modern compositions and arrangements, and combines with the choirs, opera, and other ensembles in collaborative concerts.

Dr. Xun Sun, Director of Orchestral Studies at SUU, says, "The SUU Symphony Orchestra has the great opportunity to perform standard repertory works such as Beethoven and Shostakovich, but also has collaborations with faculty, colleagues, and our renowned international guest artist, Dr. Fang Zhang from China. This will be a life learning experience for SUU students."

Dr. Zhang, Chair of the Music Department of Renmin University of China, received his Bachelor of Music degree in piano at the Central Conservatory of Music in Beijing. He earned his Master of Music at Eastman School of Music where he was awarded the Eastman Performers Certificate, the School's highest award for distinction in performance. During his time studying for his Doctor of Musical Arts Studies at Eastman School of Music, he received the Libera Award scholarship. He completed his education at Capital Normal University of Beijing, China with a PhD in Music Theory & Analysis.



Dr. Lawrence Johnson, Chair of the Department of Music at SUU, shares, "It is a distinct honor to host Dr. Fang Zhang, chair of the music department of Renmin University in Beijing, China. Not only is he sharing his gifted talent as a professional pianist in performing one of

Franz Liszt's treasured piano concertos with the SUU Symphony Orchestra, but he is also sharing his transcendence of international borders - something that music is uniquely able to provide. Having had the pleasure of meeting Dr. Zhang in a recent trip to Renmin University to further develop a relationship between our two music departments, I know first-hand his commitment to music and to his music faculty and students. SUU is very fortunate to have him visit and perform with us, and share his artistic values and excellence with our students, our university, and our highly supportive community."

Enrich your evening with the music of Beethoven, Liszt, and Shostakovich. For more information on the Department of Music at SUU, please visit 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 includes 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.

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When: Monday, October 15, 2018

Time: 7:30 p.m.

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