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A Piano Monster Christmas Concert

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Southern Utah University, Cedar City, Utah: The Department of Music at SUU, along with over 100 piano students from the area, is gearing up for the annual *Piano Monster Concert* on Tuesday, November 27, 2018 at 7 p.m. in the Heritage Center Theatre. Tickets are \$6 for adults, \$4 for alumni with a card, \$3 for youth. SUU faculty, staff, and students are free with a current ID.

Mary Anne Andersen, Adjunct Professor of Music at SUU, says, "What is nine pianos, over 100 players, and a drum set all on the same stage called? A piano orchestra, of course! Hear piano players of all ages perform Christmas music, synchronized under the baton of a single conductor. Come and enjoy this ever-popular concert."

Much time and preparation goes into a concert of this magnitude. Participants from the community have been rehearsing since October, while the SUU Piano Ensemble has been working on picking, arranging, rehearsing, and teaching the music for the *Piano Monster Concert - Christmas Vol. 2* since August.



Angie Woods, senior music education major, explains, "The most rewarding part of this concert is working with the kids in the community. It's awesome to see how excited they are to perform at such young ages."

Christian Bohnenstengel, director of the concert, shares, "Several members of the ensemble will be conducting pieces, and all will be playing in the various groups alongside piano students and teachers from the community. The monster concert provides our students with such unique and valuable experiential learning experiences, and it brings the music community of Cedar City and Saint George together."

Feel the music build into a monstrous Christmas melody. For more information about the *Piano Monster Concert*, visit www.suu.edu/pva/music/monsterconcert.html.

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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