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## **A Bernstein Birthday Broadway Bash**

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**Southern Utah University, Cedar City, Utah:** SUU Opera Theatre will perform *A Bernstein Birthday Broadway Bash* in celebration of the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Leonard Bernstein's birth November 14 through November 17, 2018 at 7:30 p.m. in the Thorley Recital Hall of SUU's Music Building. This concert is free and open to the public.

Leonard Bernstein was known as a composer, conductor, educator, and humanitarian. Performing a show featuring his music with students in a university setting is a tribute to all that Bernstein held dear in his life.

Carol Ann Modesitt, director of Opera/Voice at SUU, shares, "As I was developing this show, I did quite a lot of research on Bernstein. There is a quote I found where Bernstein states exactly how I, myself, feel about music. He says, 'I can't live one day without hearing music, playing it, studying it, or thinking about it.' To me that quote sums up my life and what music means to me."

This Broadway Bash concert will feature memorable music from *West Side Story*, *On the Town*, *A Wonderful Town*, *The Mad Woman of Central Park*, *The Skin of Our Teeth*, *1600 Pennsylvania Avenue*, and *Candide*.

Shanda Johnson, SUU student, says, "The SUU Opera is a great challenge and a great reward. It's helped me to become a better singer and performer, while simultaneously putting together a delightful and entertaining show. It's a privilege to work with Professor Modesitt and Dr. Chan. Between their counsel, the many rehearsals, and the hard work of all the participating students, the audience will fall in love and be blown away!"

Celebrate the 100<sup>th</sup> Birthday of Leonard Bernstein with the SUU Opera Theatre. 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 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](http://www.suu.edu/pva).

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