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SUU Percussion Ensemble is Out of this World

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Southern Utah University, Cedar City, Utah: The SUU Percussion Ensemble will perform an exciting concert for the community titled *A Sci-Fi Odyssey* under the direction of Dr. Lynn Vartan. This concert will be held on Monday, November 19, 2018 at 7:30 p.m. in the Thorley Recital Hall of the SUU Music Building. This concert is free and open to the public.

Dr. Lynn Vartan, director of the percussion ensemble, shares, "This concert has a fun theme - all sci-fi! The concert is centered around a large ensemble piece called *Science Fiction* that pays homage to old sci-fi films. It even has voice over quotes from old films as well as a film montage that will play with it that shows old sci-fi movie bits! Other pieces include the *REM Cycle* by Dustin Schulze and *The Martian Chronicles* by Shaun Tilburg."

The SUU Percussion Ensemble consists of both music majors and non-majors and welcomes students with a variety of levels of experience. This ensemble performs historically significant works for percussion, contemporary percussion literature, novelty percussion and traditional non-western percussion music. Several performance opportunities are available to members of the Percussion Ensemble, including concerts, performances and other promotional events for the College of Performing and Visual Arts as well as concerts on and off campus.

Jordan Nielsen, a Music Performance Major with percussion emphasis, explains, "Percussion Ensemble concerts always have something for everyone. This concert is special because of the extremely unique acoustic and electronic instruments that we use. We also have some pieces featuring video tracks. My favorite piece on the program is "Table Music". This piece is just three people, their hands, and a table."

Experience an out of this world concert you won't want to miss with the SUU Percussion Ensemble. For more information, 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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Where: Thorley Recital Hall of the SUU Music Building

Tickets: Free admission

Info: For more information, please visit www.suu.edu/pva.

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