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SUU Dance Presents
Public Displays: An Original Choreographed Dance Concert
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Southern Utah University, Cedar City, Utah: SUU's Department of Theatre Arts & Dance will present *Public Displays: An Original Choreographed Dance Concert* on February 1, 2, 8, 9, 2019 at 7:30 p.m. and February 2, 9, 2019 at 2 p.m. in the Randall L. Jones Theatre. Tickets are \$10 for adults, \$8 for alumni with card, and \$5 for youth. SUU faculty, staff, and students can get in free with a valid ID card. Tickets can be purchased at the America First Event Center Box Office, at the door the night of the performance, or online at www.suu.edu/pva.

Faculty, student, and guest artist choreographers create dance pieces that are performed by SUU students for the Spring dance concert. These pieces are an interpretation of the choreographer's experiences and observations. Hard work, heart, soul, and dedication go into these performances.

Averi Christiansen, a junior majoring in dance performance and marketing, shares, "I had the wonderful opportunity to choreograph a piece for *Public Displays*. It has been so rewarding to see the dancers progress during each rehearsal and enjoy the movement they have been given. The best part about being a choreographer is seeing all of the working parts come together. When the dancers' hard work pays off, when the lighting design accentuates the movement, and the costume adds to the mood of the piece, I can't help but be happy that my choreographic vision has come true. Southern Utah University's Dance Department is making its name in the dance world, thanks to the talented faculty members. Dancers are training longer, harder, and are being prepared to enter this field of work. The community is strongly encouraged to attend- not just to be entertained and see what is next in dance- but that culture relies on the the arts!"

The concert also features Burch Mann's original choreography from the repertoire of the American Folk Ballet restaged by Lise Mills. *A Night at Big Bill Broonzy's* and *Rampart Street Parade* are dances that are fun and full of energy. Burch Mann loved the ragtime tap and ballroom style that inspired these dances. Each year we present a Burch Mann masterpiece to assure her extraordinary talent is not lost. These dances are sponsored in part by Rocky Mountain Power.

Kayla Nelson, a junior majoring in dance education, expresses, "It is rewarding to work with such amazing and down-to-earth students and faculty. I love when I have that 'light bulb' moment where I am finally able to grasp a concept or a move that the choreographer has been asking of me. This production has taught me that I have capabilities beyond what I thought I did.

It has pushed me physically and mentally to new capacities and I have experienced immense growth because of it.”

Support these hard-working students and faculty at *Public Displays: An Original Choreographed Dance Concert*. For more information about the dance performance program at SUU, please visit <https://www.suu.edu/pva/ta/dance-performance.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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