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Hear the Classic Songs of Irving Berlin at SUU's *Great American Songbook Series*

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Southern Utah University, Cedar City, Utah: The Department of Music at Southern Utah University continues *The Great American Songbook Series* in December. Ticket prices are \$10 for adults, \$5 for students, and \$25 for a season ticket to all four concerts. The concert will be Tuesday, December 6th, in the Southern Utah Museum of Art at 7:30 p.m. with students and faculty performing the music of Irving Berlin.

Irving Berlin composed more than 1,500 songs and dozens of musicals and films. During the 1942 Holiday Inn showcase, Bing Crosby sang *White Christmas*, which would become a bestselling holiday favorite. Other works of Berlin include *Cheek to Cheek, Alexander's Ragtime Band, What'll I Do*, and music from *Puttin' on the Ritz* and *Annie Get Your Gun*.

Jordan Sanders, a senior voice performance major from Castle Dale, Utah, said, "I don't often get to sing in this musical style because I usually sing classical music. The jazzy style of this music is a joy to sing."

The proceeds from this concert series will be used as a fund to assist students with instrument repair, purchase of instruments for the Department of Music, and help contribute to tours and students having the opportunity to go to conferences throughout the year. This will relieve a portion of the financial requirement that faces students studying music.

The upcoming *Great American Songbook Series* concerts scheduled for this school year are Tuesday, February 7, 2017, featuring composer Cole Porter and Tuesday, March 21, 2017, featuring composers Rodgers and Hart.

For more information about the Department of Music at SUU, please visit www.suu.edu/pva/music.

About the College of Performing and Visual Arts

The Southern Utah University College of Performing and Visual Arts is comprised of nationally accredited departments of Art and Design, Music, and Dance. The College also offers programs in Theatre Arts, graduate programs in Arts Administration and Music, as well as a Center for Shakespeare Studies. The College offers 16 different degree areas, including liberal arts Bachelor of Arts and Bachelor of Science degrees; professional Bachelor of Music and Bachelor of Fine Arts in art and theatre degrees; and Master of Fine Arts in Arts Administration, Master of Arts in Arts Administration, Master of Music Education and Master of Music in Music Technology

graduate degrees. More than 60 full- and part-time faculty and staff are engaged in teaching and mentoring nearly 600 majors in the College. Over 1,100 students enroll each year in over 195 arts classes on the SUU campus. The College presents over 100 performances, lectures, presentations, and exhibitions each year. The College's affiliate organizations include the Southern Utah Museum of Art (SUMA), Utah Shakespeare Festival and SUU's Ballroom Dance Company. For more information about the College of Performing and Visual Arts, visit www.suu.edu/pva.

For Calendar Editors:

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Who: Southern Utah University, Faculty and students from the Department of Music

When: Tuesday, December 6th, 2016

Time: 7:30 p.m.

Where: Southern Utah Museum of Art, 13 S 300 W, Cedar City, UT 84720

Tickets: Ticket prices are \$10.00 for adults, \$5.00 for students, and \$25.00 for a season

ticket to all four concerts. General public invited to attend.

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

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