

SUU Alumni Activities _____

It is always difficult to find the space to acknowledge the many wonderful activities of our students and alumni. If you have news about student or alumni activity please send the information my way. Just drop me an email at byrnes@suu.edu or email your information to the Contact Us link on the CPVA website.

Art & Design

Jared Ward (01) and **Lucas Hoyt (01)** who are attending grad school at Edenboro University, had their MFA shows this spring.

Alisha Provstgaard's (05) poster design for the February 2005 Theatre Arts production of "Wait Until Dark" was recognized at that American Institute of Graphic Arts AIGA 100 SHOW in Salt Lake City this spring.

Derek Christensen (05), recent graduate in graphic design, and **Mike Plumb**, a current student, are designing the visual identity for the Bird's Eye View of Southern Utah program, which focuses on educational outreach in an effort to preserve communities, parks and public lands through wildlife education. The project includes both print and interactive design. **Dave Richardson**, assistant professor of graphic design, is a design consultant for the project.

Music

Olivia Biddle (05) will be performing the role of Lola in the Las Vegas Opera production of *Cavalleria Rusticana* in June 2005. This summer she will also be participating in the American Institute of Musical Studies in Graz, Austria.

Amanda Matthews (04) will be singing and studying in *La Musica Lirica*, in Nova Feltria, Italy this summer. She also has been admitted into the Master of Music Program in Voice at the University of Utah and will begin work on her degree in the Fall of 2005.

Michael Taft (01) is in the USF Greenshow for the 2005 season as well as functioning as a live musician in *Love's Labour's Lost*.

Teresa Cheney (05) was recently hired as the string teacher at the Kanab Jr. and Sr. High School in Kanab, UT.

Robert Jackman (05) was recently hired as the band teacher at the Fort Herriman Middle School in Herriman, UT, Jordan School District.

Jehiah Bray (04) (alto saxophone) is now pursuing a masters degree in jazz studies at the University of Nevada, Las Vegas.

Theatre Arts and Dance

Michael Anderson (88) will be performing with the Joffrey Ballet in LA the last week of June 2005.

Steve Nielsen reports he is currently part owner and operator of the Southern California Youth Theater where he is currently rehearsing *Anne of Green Gables*. He is also starting a school at the Theater which includes a dance studio, theater, and costume and set shops. He is also the choreographer for *Disney Days* this summer at Disneyland and he is choreographing *Beauty and the Beast* this Fall. Lastly he has done a feature film, 2 commercials, and 4 music videos in the recent past.

Kevin Lindsay (04) was hired by STREB Dance Company in January 2005, working with the innovative choreographer Elizabeth Streb in New York.

Joshua Bennet (03) is a company member with Freespace in Monclair, New Jersey and was recently cast in the film *The Producers* as a Storm Trooper in the scene "Springtime for Hitler"

Josette Ballou (03) is working as an intern with the marketing department of the Hubbard Street Dance Company in Chicago.

Stephanie Whitney Baker (02) is working as a choreographer for USF this summer.

Melinda Pfundstein (01) double major theatre arts and dance, played the role of Eliza Doolittle in *My Fair Lady*, and Lady Percy in *Henry IV, Part 1* for the USF 2004 season. She has returned this summer and is playing the Princess of France in *Love's Labor's Lost*, as well as Lady Capulet in *Romeo and Juliet*.

Sarah Loritz (03) was just hired by Teatro Zinzanni as the Executive Assistant to the Executive Director. Teatro Zinzanni, a Seattle, WA based group is described as a combination of a Cirque de Soleil and a cabaret. Their web address is www.zinzanni.org.

Heather Nielsen (03) has been accepted in the graduate Film program at Chapman University.

James Parker (02) just graduated from the Gonzaga School of Law and will be taking the Bar in New York this summer.

Suzie Petrucci (02) reports she is applying for admission to Graduate School at the University of Utah

Michael Cone (03) is a head lighting technician for Ringling Brothers Barnum & Bailey Circus.

Jared Ullman (04) is a sound technician for the Broadway Touring Production of *The Full Monty*.

Kevin Burns is performing in the ensemble of the International Touring Production of *The Who's Tommy*.

Scott Young (04) is currently working at America's oldest theatre, Walnut Street Theatre, in Philadelphia, PA as the Special Events Coordinator.

Tobin Atkinson's (88) new show "Infantry Monologues" plays July 7 to 24, 2005 at the 1409 Playbill Cafe, 1409 14th St. NW, Washington, DC. Tobin wrote and directed the play.

MFA in Arts Administration

Derek Hansen (MFA 2004), Public Relations Director, Army Band, Washington, D.C.

Marlo Ihler (MFA 2003), Manager, Orchestra of Southern Utah, Cedar City, Utah

Stephen Breinholt (MFA 2004), Music and Arts Division, Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, Salt Lake City, Utah

Sarah Johnson (MFA 2003), Advancement Associate, Museum of Science, Boston, Massachusetts

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