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**SUU MUSIC MASTERWORKS SERIES TO PRESENT "CHORAL COLLAGE"**

(Southern Utah University, Cedar City, Utah) The Southern Utah University Department of Music's Music Masterwork Series will present "Choral Collage" on Friday, October 30, 2009, at 7:30 p.m. in Thorley Recital Hall. The concert will feature performances by three of SUU's vocal ensembles: OPUS, Concert Choir and Women's Chorale. Tickets are available online at [www.suu.edu/pva/arts](http://www.suu.edu/pva/arts) or by calling (435) 586-7872 and are \$8 for general admission, \$6 for SUU Faculty and Staff, \$4 for students and children, and SUU students attend free with a valid student ID.

OPUS, SUU's premier vocal ensemble, will be directed by Dr. Keith Bradshaw; Concert Choir will be directed by Sara Guttenberg; and the Women's Chorale will be conducted by Jackie Jackson. The concert will feature a wide variety of choral repertoire, featuring works by contemporary American composers such as Eric Whitacre to selections from classical masterworks such as "The Creation" by Franz Joseph Haydn. Approximately 150 students will perform in the concert.

The SUU Department of Music is enjoying growing numbers of students participating in vocal music ensembles this year. "Choral Collage" will feature a revival performance of the SUU Women's Chorale following a period of inactivity for the ensemble. Director Jackson said, "It is an exciting time in the SUU Department of Music that participation numbers are up enough to support a well-balanced women's ensemble." The group will unveil its new official name as part of "Choral Collage."

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## **ABOUT THE COLLEGE**

The Southern Utah University College of Performing and Visual Arts is comprised of nationally accredited departments of Art and Design, Music, Theatre Arts and Dance, as well as a graduate program in Arts Administration. 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 a Master of Fine Arts in Arts Administration degree.

More than 60 full- and part-time faculty and staff are engaged in teaching and mentoring over 550 majors in the College. Over 1100 students enroll each year in over 195 arts classes on the SUU campus. The College presents 100 performances, lectures, presentations, and exhibitions each year.

The College's affiliate organizations include the Braithwaite Fine Arts Gallery, American Folk Ballet, Utah Shakespearean Festival, the performance group Acclamation and the SUU Ballroom Dance Company. For more information about the College of Performing and Visual Arts, contact the Office of the Dean at (435) 865-8561, or by e-mail at [cpvamktg@suu.edu](mailto:cpvamktg@suu.edu).

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