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First attached photo - (Lysistrata-Elisa Marcheschi and Miltaides-Randy Seely.jpg) by Mekele Robinson, 2008;

Second attached photo- (Lysistrata- Elisa Marcheschi.jpg) by Mekele Robinson, 2008.)

LYSISTRATA: WAS THEN IS NOW

(Southern Utah University, Cedar City, Utah) The SUU department of Theatre and Dance will perform Aristophanes' *Lysistrata*, as never seen before. Dr. Christine Frezza, the director, modernized this classic story, which still portrays the joys and difficulties of married life. Completely modernized, adding in tangos, pin-striped suits and a mirror ball, the story of *Lysistrata* is still the classic battle of the sexes. *Lysistrata* will run September 25-27 and October 2-4 in the Adams Shakespearean Theatre. Performances begin at 7:30 p.m. Tickets are \$10 for General Admission, \$8 for SUU Faculty and Staff, \$5 for students/children, and SUU Students attend free with a valid Student ID.

Through the raging Spartan-Athenian war, the men and the women in Aristophanes' *Lysistrata* are also battling each other. *Lysistrata*, played by Elisa Marcheschi, is constantly skirmishing with her opposite, Miltaides, played by Randy Seely. Because the men are absent in the ongoing war, the women decide to take action amongst themselves and take over the bank. In doing so, the men retaliate by destroying the women's personal possessions. The story continues with cell-phone flinging, tie-grabbing, shoe-stomping hilarity because each sex will not listen to the other.

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The Southern Utah University College of Performing and Visual Arts is comprised of the departments of Art and Design, Music, Theatre Arts and Dance, and a graduate program in Arts Administration. 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. The College presents 100 performances, lectures, presentations, and exhibitions each year. Over 550 students are majoring in 16 different degree areas in the arts. Both liberal arts B.A. and B.S. degrees are offered, as well four professional degrees: Bachelor of Music (B.M.); Bachelor of Fine Arts (B.F.A.) in Studio Art, Graphic Design, and Arts Education; and the B.F.A. in Theatre. The College's Art and Design, Music, and Dance programs are nationally accredited. More than 60 full and part-time faculty and staff are engaged in teaching and mentoring students in their pursuit of a degree in the arts. The College regularly enrolls 1100 students each semester in over 195 classes on the SUU campus. For more information about the College of Performing and Visual Arts, contact the Office of the Dean 435-865-8561 or by e-mail at cpvamktg@suu.edu.