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***Composition Conjuring* Brings Musical Premieres to SUU**

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Southern Utah University, Cedar City, Utah: Two highly decorated musical artists, composer George Gianopoulos and soprano Kathleen Roland Silverstein, will join Southern Utah University's Associate Professor of Music, Dr. Lynn Vartan, and other Department of Music faculty members for an evening of music titled *Composition Conjuring*. The concert will be held at SUU in the Thorley Recital Hall on Saturday, January 28, at 7:30 pm.

Gianopoulos began studying music in college at the age of eighteen and quickly became an accomplished musician and composer. His music has been performed throughout Europe, America, and China. Gianopoulos has been commissioned to write music for renowned professional companies, such as The Glendale Philharmonic, The Helix Collective, and The Chamber Opera Players of Los Angeles. He is currently the composer-in-residence for the Los Angeles based Symbiosis Ensemble.

Silverstein is a Fulbright senior scholar and an assistant professor of applied music and performance (voice) at Syracuse University in New York. She has been a featured soprano at many music festivals across the country, including the Santa Fe Chamber Music Festival and the Tanglewood Music Festival. In the last year, Silverstein has performed in New York and San Diego, as well as internationally in Australia, Sweden, Vietnam, Cambodia and Germany. She is also the author of a musical anthology titled *Romanser: 25 Swedish Art Songs with Guide to Lyric Diction*.

Composition Conjuring will feature the musical compositions of Gianopoulos. The evening will include a world premiere performance of Gianopoulos' composition "The Bells", inspired by Edgar Allen Poe's poem with the same name, by Silverstein and Dr. Vartan. The first live performance of Gianopoulos' vocal composition "Motet" will also be performed by Silverstein and five members of SUU's voice faculty. Pianist Dr. Christian Bohnenstengal, Assistant Professor of Music (piano), and flautist Candice Behrmann will also be featured during the concert.

Composition Conjuring is part of the Satellite Salon series that was instituted at SUU by Dr. Vartan. Her desire to bring her musical world closer to her students in Cedar City led to the

creation of this unique concert series. The Satellite Salon Series happens twice a year, in January and September, and brings in guest artists for a weekend residency. All Satellite Salon Series events are free and open to the public.

For more information about the Satellite Salon Series, 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.

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- Who:** SUU Department of Music, George Gianopoulos and Kathleen Roland Silverstein
- When:** Saturday, January 28, 2017
- Time:** 7:30 p.m.
- Where:** Thorley Recital Hall, Southern Utah University, Cedar City, Utah
- Tickets:** Free admission, General Public invited to attend.
- Info:** Visit www.suu.edu/pva for more information.

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