



Carol Ann Modesitt, founder of the *Great American Songbook Series*, said, “This concert will follow a similar format that we have done on the last two concerts. Cole Porter wrote several musicals, *Anything Goes*, *Kiss Me Kate*, *Can-Can*, *Silk-Stockings*, and *The Gay Divorcee*. He also wrote the music for the film *High Society* which starred Bing Crosby, Frank Sinatra, and Grace Kelly. He was witty and clever. He generally wrote his lyrics first and then set them to music. Of all the composers the series has highlighted so far, Cole Porter was the most prolific.”

Ben Lieske, a student studying music at Southern Utah University, said, “The students and faculty that participate in the *Great American Songbook Series* are fantastic performers. I have been to all of the previous songbook series concerts, and they have all been full of entertaining musical selections. Anyone who attends will be treated to a wonderful evening full of outstanding music.”

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 final *Great American Songbook Series* concert for this school year 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: Crooning with the Songs of Cole Porter

- What:** The Department of Music at Southern Utah University continues the *Great American Songbook Series* this spring semester with their first performance on Tuesday, February 7th. Ticket prices are \$10 for adults and \$5 for students. The concert will be in the Southern Utah Museum of Art at 7:30 p.m. with students and faculty performing the music of Cole Porter.
- Who:** Southern Utah University, Faculty and students from the Department of Music
- When:** Tuesday, February 7, 2017
- Time:** 7:30 p.m.
- Where:** Southern Utah Museum of Art, 13 S 300 W, Cedar City, UT 84720
- Tickets:** Ticket prices are \$10 for adults and \$5 for students
- Info:** For more information, please visit www.suu.edu/pva/music.

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