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Trios for Two Will Captivate Cedar City

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Southern Utah University, Cedar City, Utah: The Satellite Salon Series, hosted by Dr. Lynn Vartan and SUU's Department of Music, brings Molly Gebrian and Danny Holt to the Thorley Recital Hall in SUU's Music Building on Saturday, January 27, 2018, at 7:30 p.m. These outstanding musicians have been performing together since 2011. Admission is free and open to the public.

During this performance, the guests will play pieces composed for three people by modern composers. The artists have taken the trios and adapted them for two people, hence their program title *Trios for Two*. Gebrian plays the viola, while Holt plays both the piano and percussion, an extraordinary style of playing that he developed while studying in California. This unique setup ensures an exciting performance that will mesmerize audiences.

Created by Dr. Vartan, the Satellite Salon Series, and occurs twice a year and provides Southern Utah University and local students an opportunity to attend master classes held by professional musicians. A question and answer session follows, led by SUU faculty member, Dr. Vartan, in the style of "Inside the Actor's Studio". Saturday evening offers the community and students alike a chance to see a dynamic, collaborative Satellite Salon concert. The Series is also an educational program, designed to give southern Utah rural high school students the opportunity to learn from professional musicians and artists.

Gebrian received her Doctor of Musical Arts in viola performance from the New England Conservatory of Music. Her undergraduate studies at Oberlin College and Conservatory of Music consisted of viola performance and neuroscience. When she isn't touring with Holt, she teaches classes in Viola and Music Theory at the University of Wisconsin-Eau Claire.

Holt has performed internationally in places such as Carnegie Hall, Walt Disney Concert Hall, Copenhagen Jazzhouse, and many more. He serves as the Music Chair at The Oakwood School's Academy of Creative Education and is the Scholar-in-Residence at Harvard-Westlake School. He has worked with over 25 composers to create music specific to his piano and percussion collective.

Workshops held by Gebrian and Holt will cover topics that range from career development to current research regarding practicing instruments and the neuroscience behind it. This opens up a new world to students and the importance of their work in the music industry.

Be captivated by the innovative sounds of *Trios for Two*. For more information, 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 programs in Art & 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 26 academic programs, 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 over 600 majors in the College. 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: *Trios for Two* Will Captivate Cedar City

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- When:** Saturday, January 27, 2018
- Time:** 7:30 p.m.
- Where:** Thorley Recital Hall, Music Building, Southern Utah University, Cedar City, Utah
- Tickets:** Free Admission
- Info:** For more information, please visit www.suu.edu/pva/music.

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