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## Local Talent Pursues Dream

Utah has always been known for excellent talent in music and acting. Darin Southam is cultivating careers in both.

Darin has been performing for many years vocally, as well as in theatre and motion picture. He has a passion for music, and performance. "Few things move us like music does. If I can play some part in moving another human being through this medium, I want to do so." "It wasn't as easy as that though" Darin continues, "I had been pursuing other things that were perhaps more traditional, like law school and business school..."

I did not expect this and consequently had to make a life changing decision; choose a career I love that perhaps won't be as stable or choose a more traditionally mapped out career that may or may not make me happy. Statistics show, most people choose the traditional route, not to say that is

bad, but my wise grandpa Nick always told me to choose something I love that makes me happy. That's smart you see, because only when you love something will you ever have enough passion to do something great or to attain to your loftiest potential."

Darin's new album was released in stores in August of 2005. It introduces 3 original songs that Darin wrote; "A Way To You", "Me Puedes Amar (You Can Love Me)," and "The Valley Clear". In addition to these new sounds, it also features freshly orchestrated hits, such as "What a Wonderful World" and "Come What May" from Moulin Rouge, which is as stirring as the original. "My intent with this album was to produce something upbeat and easy to listen to, which also would be inspiring to touch the soul. If that has been accomplished than its end has



been met."

Darin is also pursuing an acting career. He recently starred in an independent film titled "The Saxon Chronicles." "This film was so fun to make." Says Darin, "It is based on historical facts and is one of the most inspiring stories to be told. Set in about 890 A.D. King Alfred, never thought he would survive his brothers to be king, but did. In fact he was the last king left to defend all of England

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against the invasions of the vikings. Through his noble defense and leadership, England still stands today. I felt connected with Alfred at so many levels."

The film premiered at the LDS Film Festival and got great reviews. Darin expects it to go to several more film festivals and to possibly air on the History or Discovery Channel. Darin also recently landed a job with the Discovery Channel for a documentary movie, directed by Nick Copus, about two brothers who went hiking down in Chute Canyon in the late winter and one of them fell and

shattered his leg. The other brother, Jeremy (whom Darin portrays in the film), tries to make it out of the canyon in time to get help that can save his now immobile brother's life. It is an inspiring story about how they both survived seemingly impossible odds and it is expected it to air this year sometime.

Darin continues to book performances here in the valley and has been working with a band as of late that he anticipates doing a lot of shows with. For more information on Darin, go to his web-site at [www.darin-southam.com](http://www.darin-southam.com). ■

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