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***ART INSIGHTS: DON SEEGMILLER TAKES TRADITIONAL ART TRAINING DIGITAL***

(Southern Utah University, Cedar City, Utah) SUU Department of Art and Design's weekly *Art Insights* program will feature painter and digital artist Don Seegmiller on Thursday, October 8, 2009, at 7:30 p.m. in the Centrum Arena, Section K. Seegmiller teaches traditional figure drawing at the collegiate level and specializes professionally in computer-generated character design.

Seegmiller graduated from Brigham Young University with a BFA in graphic design and has taught senior level illustration courses, traditional portrait painting, figure drawing and digital painting at BYU since 1995. In addition to teaching, Seegmiller is Art Director at Saffire Corporation, a leading video game developing company which produces digital art for such big-name gaming companies as Nintendo. Seegmiller has also been a regular speaker at the Game Developers Conference for the past eight years, presenting tutorials on character design and digital painting.

*Art Insights* is a weekly program hosted during the fall and spring semesters by SUU's Art and Design faculty. Students and community members meet weekly to attend gallery openings and experience presentations and discussions by visiting artists and art educators from around the nation who share their work and insights. Admission is free, and the general public is invited to attend. For more information on the SUU College of Performing and Visual Arts events, please call the Arts Hotline at (435) 865-8800, or visit [www.suu.edu/arts](http://www.suu.edu/arts).

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**ABOUT THE COLLEGE**

The Southern Utah University College of Performing and Visual Arts is comprised of nationally accredited departments of Art and Design, Music, Theatre Arts and Dance, as well as a graduate program in Arts Administration. 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 a Master of Fine Arts in Arts Administration degree.

More than 60 full- and part-time faculty and staff are engaged in teaching and mentoring over 550 majors in the College. Over 1100 students enroll each year in over 195 arts classes on the SUU campus. The College presents 100 performances, lectures, presentations, and exhibitions each year.

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. For more information about the College of Performing and Visual Arts, contact the Office of the Dean at (435) 865-8561, or by e-mail at [cpvamktg@suu.edu](mailto:cpvamktg@suu.edu).

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