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***ART INSIGHTS: SUU PROFESSOR JAY MERRYWEATHER TO DISCUSS THE INTERACTION
BETWEEN FINE ART AND GRAPHIC DESIGN***

(Southern Utah University, Cedar City, Utah) SUU Department of Art and Design's weekly *Art Insights* program will feature SUU graphic design professor Jay Merryweather on Thursday, October 29, 2009 at 7:00 p.m. in the Centrum Arena, Section K.

Merryweather will discuss how fine art and graphic design are much more closely related than one may think. Merryweather has bachelor's degrees in both fine art and design from California State University and earned his M.F.A. from The School of Fine Arts at Claremont Graduate University. He keeps an active exhibition schedule that includes a variety of methods and media, including sculpture, painting and graphic design. Additionally, Merryweather owns the design firm MWS Designs, which has worked for such well-known clients as IBM and FedEx. Prior to accepting the position at SUU, Merryweather was an adjunct design professor at the University of Southern California.

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.

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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.

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