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VISIT BEHIND THE SCENES AT THE BRAITHWAITE FINE ARTS GALLERY

(Southern Utah University, Cedar City, UT) Get a special sneak peek into the Braithwaite Fine Arts Gallery during the “Behind the Scenes” evening on Wednesday, September 16, 2009. Hosted by The Friends of the Gallery, the event is open to the public, 6:30 p.m.-8:30 p.m.

Reece Summers, Gallery director, will open the doors to the collection and conservation room and explain how a museum collects and preserves works of art and will provide a preview of the *Jim Jones: Recent Paintings* exhibit coming in October. Since the Gallery typically exhibits only a very small portion of its collection, guests will also have the opportunity to browse through the Gallery’s database of more than 800 works of art.

Karen Gale, the Gallery’s Education Director, will be on hand to talk about the upcoming educational programming. Visitors will be able to experience the exhibit as a child would during a typical school field trip and hear about how lesson plans and projects relate to upcoming exhibits.

RSVP for the event is preferred but not required. Call (435) 865-8561 by September 11 to RSVP. The Friends of the Braithwaite Gallery directly supports world-class exhibitions and outstanding education programming. The Braithwaite Fine Arts Gallery will host over 100 public school groups and 10,000 community members to enjoy the free exhibits as a result of the support of the Friends of the Gallery. For more information about the Gallery or to lend your support by joining the Friends of the Braithwaite, visit the Gallery’s website at www.suu.edu/pva/artgallery.

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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 email at cpvamktg@suu.edu.

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