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FINE ARTS COMPETITION ERUPTS IN CEDAR CITY

(Southern Utah University, Cedar City, Utah) The Braithwaite Fine Arts Gallery is introducing a Shakespearean theme, *To Thine Own Self be True: Reflections From My Personal Portfolio*, for the High School Fine Arts Competition. This is the first time the Gallery is joining with the Utah Shakespearean Festival, in order to enhance the annual High School Shakespeare Competition.

Out of seventy plus entries, a few unique pieces were selected by professional artists to be displayed in the Randall L. Jones Theatre, from September 19th through October 25th. The finalists are: Brandon Pena, Tyler Houston and Michael Jensen from Canyon View High School; Bryce Wainwright and Jocelyn Larsen from Pineview High School; CJ Cisar (2 finalist pieces) and Shelby Crockett from Tuacahn High School; Eleora Nelson from Riverton High School; Nola Nikole Norman from Grand County High School, and Tiffany Holman from Sugar-Salem High School. These select pieces, submitted by students, grades 9-12, range in all types of media including: watercolor, oil, ceramics, photography, pencil and Prismacolor drawings. This collection shows some of the most distinguished pieces of young professionals' artwork from the Intermountain West Region. Cash awards and potential scholarships will be awarded to fine arts students at the evening awards ceremony on October 4, 2008 at 7:00pm in the Sharwin Smith Center at Southern Utah University.

High School Shakespeare Competition, now in its thirty-first year, gathers students from Utah, Arizona, Colorado, Idaho, Nevada and California to present their knowledge of Shakespeare. The competition provides opportunities for education and recognition in: acting, dance/choreography,

technical theatre and now in fine arts. All students are judged by theatre and dance professionals who give criticism and advice to these emerging artists.

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ABOUT THE COLLEGE:

The Southern Utah University College of Performing and Visual Arts is comprised of the departments of Art and Design, Music, Theatre Arts and Dance, and a graduate program in Arts Administration. 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. The College presents 100 performances, lectures, presentations, and exhibitions each year. Over 550 students are majoring in 16 different degree areas in the arts. Both liberal arts B.A. and B.S. degrees are offered, as well four professional degrees: Bachelor of Music (B.M.); Bachelor of Fine Arts (B.F.A.) in Studio Art, Graphic Design, and Arts Education; and the B.F.A. in Theatre. The College's Art and Design, Music, and Dance programs are nationally accredited. More than 60 full and part-time faculty and staff are engaged in teaching and mentoring students in their pursuit of a degree in the arts. The College regularly enrolls 1100 students each semester in over 195 classes on the SUU campus. For more information about the College of Performing and Visual Arts, contact the Office of the Dean 435-865-8561 or by e-mail at cpvamktg@suu.edu.