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***ART INSIGHTS: "JIMMIE JONES: RED ROCK PAINTER"***

(Southern Utah University) The SUU Department of Art and Design's weekly *Art Insights* program will feature the documentary "Jimmie Jones: Red Rock Painter," by Jon M. Smith and James M. Aton, on Thursday, October 15, 2009, at 7:00 p.m. in the Hunter Conference Center Great Hall. The documentary is a behind-the-scenes look at Jones' creative process in producing his "Recent Paintings" exhibit for the Braithwaite Fine Arts Gallery. The documentary will be shown to kick off the "Recent Paintings" exhibit, which will also open on Thursday, October 8, 2009, and will remain through December 12, 2009. Gallery hours are Tuesday through Saturday, noon to 7 p.m. Admission is free and open to the public.

"Jimmie Jones: Red Rock Painter," produced by SUU professors Smith and Aton, details Jones' fifty-year career supporting himself solely as an artist, from his upbringing in Cedar City, to studying art in California and Mexico and to finding his life-long artistic muse, the landscapes of southern Utah and northern Arizona. Much of the film was shot at Jones' extraordinary Rockville home and studio. It includes multiple interviews with the artist as he describes his career development, his influences and his painting technique. The film highlights Jones speaking specifically about his oil painting techniques.

*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).

### **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 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](mailto:cpvamktg@suu.edu).

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