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Braithwaite Fine Arts Gallery to Participate in Smithsonian's Annual Museum Day 2009

(Southern Utah University, Cedar City, UT) The Braithwaite Fine Arts Gallery will host activities in celebration of Museum Day 2009 on Saturday, September 26. Experience art exhibitions and a hands-on learning activity during regular gallery hours, noon to 7 p.m.

Museum Day 2009 is a partnership with the Smithsonian Institute in Washington, D.C. and hundreds of museums nationwide. Patrons can visit their local museums free of charge during this special event.

The Braithwaite Fine Arts Gallery will have two exhibits on display during Museum Day 2009. The High School Fine Arts Competition features a variety of work by 32 young Utah artists. Also on exhibit is the Student Art Exhibition, which is organized by students in SUU's Gallery and Museum Practices course. Children of all ages will have the chance to create a masterpiece during a hands-on landscape activity.

Admission to the Braithwaite Fine Arts Gallery is always free. For more information about Museum Day 2009 or the Braithwaite Fine Arts Gallery, visit www.suu.edu/pva/artgallery. The Braithwaite Fine Arts Gallery's mission is to exhibit, collect and preserve historic and contemporary works of art significant to the interior American West. In addition, the Museum hosts art exhibitions that represent the principal artistic styles and periods of world cultures.

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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.