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**“Jim Jones: Recent Paintings” Exhibit to Open
at the Braithwaite Fine Arts Gallery in October**

(Southern Utah University, Cedar City, UT) Recent paintings by celebrated landscape artist, Jim Jones, will be on display at the Braithwaite Fine Arts Gallery. The exhibition, “Jim Jones: Recent Paintings,” will open with a reception on Thursday, October 15, 2009 at 7 p.m. and will remain through December 12, 2009. Gallery hours are Tuesday through Saturday, noon to 7 p.m. and admission is free and open to the public.

The reception will begin at 7 p.m. with the showing of *Jimmie Jones: Red Rock Painter*, a documentary by Jon M. Smith and James M. Aton, in the Hunter Conference Center’s Great Hall in conjunction with the Art Insights program. Afterwards, take a short walk to the Braithwaite Fine Arts Gallery to see the “Jim Jones: Recent Paintings” exhibition. A majority of the pieces that will be on display during this exhibition will become part of the University’s permanent collection.

Jim Jones has captured the essence of the American West and red rock country through his paintings of Zion Canyon and the Grand Canyon. After growing up in Cedar City, Jones attended the Art Center in Los Angeles, and later traveled to Mexico to study portrait and figure painting. Eventually, Jones made his way back to Utah and fell in love with the landscape. Jones estimates he has created more than 1,400 paintings in the many years he has been working as a full-time artist.

For more information about this exhibit, visit www.suu.edu/pva/artgallery or call (435) 586-5432. 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.