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ART INSIGHTS: KATE STARLING, LOCAL PLEIN- AIR OIL PAINTER

(Southern Utah University, Cedar City, Utah) The SUU Department of Art and Design will feature Kate Starling, an award winning, local oil painter, in *Art Insights*, Thursday, October 23rd at 7:00pm in the Centrum Arena. Kate Starling has devoted her plein-air paintings to her studies of light reflecting off the landscape of southern Utah.

Kate Starling, an alumna from the Southern Utah University's Art Department, captures the strength of light in her oil paintings. Starling paints on site where she can encompass the intensity of southern Utah landscapes. Through her studies of light versus nature, her artwork pinpoints a particular place and atmosphere in her artwork, while conveying emotion and memory.

Kate Starling has received several awards and her artwork is displayed in galleries throughout Wyoming, Arizona and Utah. Her background in geology and National Park Services inspired her to pursue her plein-air painting career.

Art Insights is a weekly program hosted during the Fall and Spring semesters by the Art and Design faculty. In *Art Insights* 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 SUU College of Performing and Visual Arts events, please call the Arts Hotline at 435.865.8800 or visit www.suu.edu/arts

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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.