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ART INSIGHTS: QUINTESSENTIAL ANIMAL PAINTER: CONSTANCE PAYNE

(Southern Utah University, Cedar City, Utah) The SUU Department of Art and Design will feature Constance Payne, an animal painter, at *Art Insights*, Thursday, April 16, 2009 at 7:00pm in the Centrum Arena.

Constance Payne is the quintessential animal painter. She captures the essence of a living animal; from their essential physical form to their individual character and true nature. She has studied animal skeletons and witnessed medical operations on animals in order to paint the animal more accurately.

Payne, who has been exclusively painting dogs and horses since 1981 has been widely recognized for her talent, with 8 sold-out solo exhibitions and over 24 group exhibitions. Her paintings are in several public collections, including the Castellani Art Museum and the American Kennel Club, in New York City. Her work is exclusively represented by William Secord Gallery, New York City.

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.