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BRAITHWAITE

FINE ARTS GALLERY

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Friends of the Braithwaite Fine Arts Gallery Celebrate *The 20th Annual Art Auction* March 8, 2012

Southern Utah University, Cedar City, Utah: Spirited bidding, lively conversation and the opportunity to own some outstanding art. Those are the ingredients for a special soufflé of an evening – the **20th Annual Art Auction** presented by the **Friends of the Braithwaite Fine Arts Gallery**. This favorite fundraising gala will be held on **March 8, 2012 at 5:00 p.m.**, at **Rusty's Ranch House**. Tickets to this one-night-only event, which includes dinner, are **\$40 before March 2** and **\$45 after March 2**. Tickets can be purchased in person at the **Braithwaite Fine Arts Gallery** on the **Southern Utah University campus** or at **Artisans Gallery 94 West Center Street in Cedar City**. Tickets can be purchased by calling the gallery at **435-586-5432**. This year, tickets may be purchased online at <http://www.suu.edu/pva/artgallery/auction>.

Anne Marie Gardner, Chair of **The Friends**, is pleased to announce that proceeds from this event go to support of the Braithwaite, special Friends' sponsored exhibitions, educational outreach and the future Southern Utah Museum of Art. In addition, the evening will be hosted by **Brian Vaughan**, co-artistic director of the Utah Shakespeare Festival and an alumnus of Southern Utah University.

This year's auction offers a wide spectrum of visually dynamic media including paintings, drawings, prints, photography, ceramics, jewelry and other unique works of art by some of the finest artists in the Southwest including works by popular favorites as **Arlene Braithwaite, Royden Card, Richard Hardin, J. Brad Holt** and **Kate Starling**. Because of the overwhelming response, the portfolio of art for live and silent bidding will be jury selected in order to showcase the highest quality art. Please visit www.suu.edu/pva/artgallery/auction/ beginning **February 23, 2012** to preview the items that will be up for live and silent auctions.

Looking ahead, the Friends of the Braithwaite Fine Arts Gallery will be sponsoring *Everything in Between:*

Art Quilts, Fabric Collage and Embroidery, a remarkable retrospective of fiber art featuring national and international artists curated by SUU's Deborah Snider. The exhibition is scheduled to open September 27, 2012, running through November 10, 2012.

Be a part of the fun and excitement of the 20th Annual Art Auction to benefit the Braithwaite Fine Arts Gallery. Get tickets now!

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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 Shakespeare Festival, 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 e-mail at cpvamktg@suu.edu.

FOR CALENDAR EDITORS: THE 20th ANNUAL ART AUCTION

- WHAT:** For 20 years the Annual Art Auction has served as an important and successful fundraiser for the Braithwaite Fine Arts Gallery. Created by the Friends of the Braithwaite Fine Arts Gallery and supported of local artists and patrons, this fun-filled evening continues to raise significant funds for the gallery.
- WHO:** 20th Annual Braithwaite Art Auction
- WHEN:** March 8, 2012
- TIME:** 5:00 PM
- WHERE:** Rusty's Ranch House
- PRICES:** Tickets are \$40 before March 2 and \$45 after March 2. Dinner included.
- PURCHASE:** In Person: Braithwaite Fine Arts Gallery on the Southern Utah University campus
Or Artisans Gallery 94 West Center Street in Cedar City
Call 435-586-5432 / Online at <http://www.suu.edu/pva/artgallery/auction>.
- MORE INFO:** <http://www.suu.edu/pva/artgallery/>