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Braithwaite Fine Arts Gallery Receives Grants to Fund Exhibits and Programs

(Southern Utah University, Cedar City, UT) The Braithwaite Fine Arts Gallery has received funding from several generous sources this year. These funds will enable the Gallery to provide educational programming for area children and educators, professional development for Gallery staff and new exhibitions.

“These funds allow us to continue our programming as a Gallery. Without them, we would not be able to provide our community with new exhibits or educational programming,” said Gallery Director Reece Summers.

Funding from the Utah Arts Council and the Cedar City Recreation, Arts and Parks (RAP) sales tax will not only help sustain the operations of the Gallery, but will also support the educational experiences for more than 2,100 local and regional school children who will visit the Gallery this year. The State-Wide Art Partnership (SWAP) Evening for Educators, a hands-on workshop to help teachers integrate the Gallery’s fall exhibits into the classroom, is also supported by these funds.

The Outdoor Initiative has granted funding for the “Parowan Gap: God’s Own House” exhibit that will open in January 2010 at the Gallery. SUU students and faculty will travel to experience the area associated with Parowan Gap throughout 2010 and then create artwork inspired by those experiences.

For more information about 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. The Utah Arts Council, the Utah Association of Museums, and the City of Cedar City through the Recreation, Arts, and Parks (RAP) sales tax revenue have awarded funding to the Gallery.

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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.