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ZION PRODUCES A VARIETY OF CREATIVENESS

(Southern Utah University, Cedar City, Utah) Commemorating the centennial year of Zion National Park, students and faculty of Southern Utah University have spent the last semester journeying to the park for inspiration for their artwork. The Braithwaite Fine Arts Gallery will be exhibiting these creative responses to the beautiful landscapes of Zion. *Zion: A Creative Response* runs January 8-31, 2009, with an opening reception, January 8, 2009 at 7:00 p.m. The gallery is open Tuesday through Saturday, noon to 7:00 p.m.

Zion: A Creative Response is a compilation of the best artwork from various art and literature classes. The exhibit includes pastels, oils, poetry, watercolors, prints, ceramics and photographic images created by SUU students.

These images displayed in *Zion: A Creative Response*, reflect the trees, fences, water, vast mountain ranges, open spaces, colorful sky that are part of Zion. Some images are exact replicas of the park, where as other artists add their own colors and feelings into their pieces. The exhibit includes: a photographic image of a dark silk blanket in the shape of a Zion monument, a pastel painting of a lone tree sticking above the other shrubbery, a geological replica of nature inside a piece of broken Native American pottery and many others.

Included in this exhibit is a 10'x13' black and white, three-dimensional photograph of Zion National Park. Jeremias Paul's Landscape Photography class created this large image as a replica of an image inside a camera. There is an old-fashioned camera set up so the audience can view the complete image.

Jeff Hanson's class has combined motion graphics with graphic design to produce a short film, highlighting the park's iconic landscapes.

The Museum and Gallery Practices course created the design of the exhibit layout. This exhibit is made possible by support from Southern Utah University's Outdoor Initiative team and Braithwaite Fine Arts Gallery.

The Braithwaite Fine Arts Gallery is open Tuesday through Saturday, noon to 7:00 p.m., and is located on the ground floor of the Braithwaite Liberal Arts Center building on the east end of the SUU campus. Admission is free. For more information, contact the Gallery at 435-586-5432 or visit our website www.suu.edu/pva/artgallery. The Braithwaite Fine Arts Gallery is supported in part by the Friends of the Braithwaite Gallery, The Utah Arts Council, with funding from the State of Utah and the National Endowment for the Arts, which believes that a great nation deserves great art.

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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, and the performance group Acclamation and the Ballroom Dance Company. 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.); 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 over 195 classes on the SUU campus. For more information about the College of Performing and Visual Arts contact Office of the Dean 435-865-8561 or by e-mail at byrnes@suu.edu.