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Braithwaite Fine Arts Gallery receives grants to support National Geographic Exhibit

(Southern Utah University, Cedar City, Utah) The Braithwaite Fine Arts Gallery received two grants totaling \$8,500 this fall, to help fund the *In Focus: National Geographic Greatest Portraits* exhibit. Cedar City's Recreation, Arts, Parks (RAP) tax, and the MetLife Foundation are contributing to support the educational programs of the Braithwaite Fine Arts Gallery.

The Braithwaite Fine Arts Gallery is using funding from the RAP tax to develop educational materials and oversee all educational activities for up to 80 class tours to visit the current exhibit, *In Focus: National Geographic Greatest Portraits*.

The Braithwaite Fine Arts Gallery is also using the funding from the MetLife Foundation to support an additional 35 school groups that have requested to participate in the Gallery's educational program. A portion of this grant is also being used to promote the *InFocus* exhibit through regional newspapers and radio stations.

Both the RAP tax and the MetLife Foundation are assisting the Braithwaite Fine Arts Gallery to host a series of hands-on workshops designed to help teachers integrate the themes of this exhibit into their curriculum, as part of a StateWide Art Partnership (SWAP) Evening for Educators. Another benefit of the RAP tax and the MetLife Foundation support, is that the Braithwaite Fine Arts Gallery will host Steve McCurry, a National Geographic photographer known for his photo entitled, "Afghan Girl."

In Focus National Geographic Greatest Portraits is a collection of striking color and black-white-photographs that explore the iconic images of the world. This exhibit is created by the

Smithsonian's National Museum of Natural History and sponsored by the Friends of the Braithwaite 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 the website www.suu.edu/pva/artgallery.

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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.