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ART INSIGHTS: ROBERT T. BARRETT PORTRAYS THE WORLD IN ART

(Southern Utah University, Cedar City, Utah) The SUU Department of Art and Design will feature Robert T. Barrett, illustrator, painter and muralist at *Art Insights*, Thursday, November 13, 2008 at 7:00pm in the Centrum Arena. Barrett is internationally recognized for his artwork, which is displayed in various exhibits, the BYU campus, LDS Temples and Visitors Centers throughout the world. Robert T. Barrett's eclectic images include figure sketches, watercolor landscapes, painted portraits, religious scenes and book illustrations.

Robert T. Barrett educates his audiences by explaining his processes of art: transferring a gray opaque painting to oil, capturing the essence of human form in paintings and differentiating between a cover illustration and illustrations throughout a book. The collaborative process of book illustrations include placement of these illustrations, layout of design, lighting and values of image, rough and detailed sketches and determining the final product. Barrett emphasizes the text by finding the exact mood, colors, gestures and feelings of a specific moment in time. His book, *Life Drawing: How to Portray the Figure with Accuracy and Expression*, depicts how, artists can capture the mood, idea or emotion of a model in a rendering.

Robert T. Barrett, a professor at BYU has received a BFA in painting from the University of Utah, MA and MFA in painting University of Iowa and has studied painting in Europe.

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.