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ART INSIGHTS: AN INTIMATE PHOTOGRAPHIC JOURNEY: ERNESTO BAZAN

(Southern Utah University, Cedar City, Utah) The SUU Department of Art and Design will feature photographer, Ernesto Bazan at *Art Insights*, Thursday, February 12, 2009 at 7:00pm in the Centrum Arena. In his lecture, Bazan will be discussing how his philosophy on life and photography are reflected in his book, *Cuba*. There will be a book signing after his lecture. *Cuba*

In his 14 years in Cuba, Ernesto Bazan fell in love with the streets, the people, the lifestyle and the nature of the island. This love of Cuba is captured in his striking images in his book. His photographs display human emotion in the daily turmoil of living in Cuba, the struggles within relationships and the joy of families coming together.

Bazan's dream as a young child was to be a photographer, and has been following that dream ever since. He studied photography at the School of Visual Arts in New York City and has since been teaching his own photography workshops around the world.

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.