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### **ART INSIGHTS: JOE DAVIS: FORM VS. FUNCTION**

(Southern Utah University, Cedar City, Utah) The SUU Department of Art and Design will feature Joe Davis, ceramist, at *Art Insights*, Thursday, March 26, 2009 at 7:00pm in the Centrum Arena, Section K. Joe Davis will be discussing the form and function of his pottery. Davis compares his pottery to any form of artwork, "similar to the way a musical composer uses notes, melodies, arrangements and instruments to portray emotion and circumstance, I use my materials and processes to speak my language."

Joe Davis' artwork borders the line of functional pottery and sculpture. He creates his work sometimes purely as functional pots, bowls or mugs and other times as sculptural forms and shapes. To him, this balance creates the challenge of form vs. function.

Joe Davis explores all his senses in creating his pieces of artwork. He uses the sights, sounds and smells of the way different materials react to each other, how human beings interact and the simplistic beauty of nature.

Davis graduated from Ohio State University in Fine Arts. He has taught hand forming, wheel throwing and salt firing at the University of Oregon. Davis has been mastering the art of pottery for at least eighteen years.

*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](http://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](mailto:cpvamktg@suu.edu).