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**ART INSIGHTS: VIRGINIA JENKINS EXPRESSES EMOTION WITH MAGNITUDE**

(Southern Utah University, Cedar City, Utah) The SUU Department of Art and Design will feature Virginia Jenkins at *Art Insights*, Thursday, November 20, 2008 at 7:00pm in the Centrum Arena.

Virginia's large paintings capture the magnitude and intensity of the brilliant landscapes.

Virginia Jenkins uses a combination of surrealism, imagery, symbolism, abstraction and representationalism to capture spatial relationships of mountains and the horizon or clouds and water. By visiting these particular landscapes, Jenkins creates the sense of immense proportion.

Through colors, lines, texture and layout, Jenkins captures the feeling of the location is imprinted on her memory. Jenkins uses bold acrylics to convey her emotions and experiences in each landscape.

Painting became a passion for Jenkins during her first class at Michigan State University. Her work was first publically displayed at the First Annual Salt Lake City Public Library Intermountain Art Show, one year after graduating from MSU. Jenkins received her MFA from University of Utah. She is currently Chair for the Grand Valley State University Department of Art and Design and she has served as the Department Chair at the University of Northern Colorado's School of Art and Design and the head of the Department of Art and Design at the University of Minnesota, Duluth.

*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).