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(Note to Editor: ablessonwithcatf_lg.jpg. Sigmund Abeles: My Son with his cat Orville, 2006)

ARTS INSIGHTS: SIGMUND ABELES

(Southern Utah University, Cedar City, Utah) The SUU Department of Art and Design will feature Sigmund Abeles, painter and printmaker in this week's *Art Insights*, Thursday, September 4th at 7:00pm in the Centrum Arena. Abeles will present his painting and printmaking which investigates the human and animal figure. Sigmund Abeles draws from his life and imagination to communicate psychological emotion.

Abeles paintings consist mainly of oil on panel, pastel on paper and a few being egg-oil emulsion. His painting, "My Son and his Cat Orville" displays dramatic composition in an everyday activity of removing his sock. The intensity of emotion in Max's dark eyes is contrasted with the softness of Orville's bright eyes.

Abeles graduated from Columbia University with an M.F.A. in painting and has studied at the Pratt Institute, New York; the Art Students League, New York; the Skowhegan School of Painting and Sculpture, Maine; the Brooklyn Museum School. Sigmund Abeles has previously taught at Wellesley College and University of New Hampshire in Durham, NH and is now pursuing his passion for art full time.

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.

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. 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.

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