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SUU'S BRAITHWAITE FINE ARTS GALLERY FEATURES LOCAL ARTIST'S COMMEMORATIVE ART CELEBRATING THE GROUNDBREAKING OF ARTS CENTER

Southern Utah University, Cedar City, Utah: It was a day eagerly awaited throughout the arts community of southern Utah – one that inspired a local artist to capture the moment on canvas. The groundbreaking at Southern Utah University for the **Beverly Taylor Sorenson Center for the Arts** was a memorable occasion that painter **J. Brad Holt** depicted in a vibrant rendering of color. This summer a limited edition of giclée reproductions of the painting are available through SUU's **Braithwaite Fine Arts Gallery**. These high quality canvas reproductions go on sale in conjunction with the Gallery's **Southern Utah Art Invitational Exhibition & Sale** which opens on June 23rd. The Gallery's summer hours are Mon-Sat, 10am-8pm, and admission is free. The Gallery is on the lower level of the Braithwaite Liberal Arts Building on the campus of Southern Utah University.

"Before the Ceremony," Holt's plein air painting, captures the momentous event in the history of the forthcoming Beverly Taylor Sorenson Center for the Arts. Capturing the color and mood of the day, the lovely 9" by 12" work was painted at the groundbreaking on March 27, 2014. Each reproduction is a stretched canvas, hand-signed and numbered by the artist, comes with a certificate of authenticity and retails for \$125. In addition, "Before the Ceremony" will be available at Artisans Art Gallery on Center Street in Cedar City beginning the week of June 23rd. Artisans' hours are noon-6pm, Tuesday through Saturday.

The **Beverly Taylor Sorenson Center for the Arts** will include a new outdoor theatre and artistic and production facility for the Utah Shakespeare Festival and the Southern Utah Museum of Art (SUMA). The Beverly Taylor Sorenson Center for the Arts will incorporate visual arts, live theatre and arts education

on the SUU campus and will dramatically enrich the cultural life of Cedar City and its surrounding region. The Center will be a year-round destination for tens of thousands of visitors.

Painter **J. Brad Holt** grew up in Cedar City, Utah. As a youngster, he accompanied family friend, painter Jim Jones, into the southern Utah landscape and painted alongside the man he considers his mentor. Holt is a graduate of Cedar City High School, and Southern Utah University. His paintings are featured in several prominent galleries in southern Utah. He spent childhood summers working on his Grandfather's ranch in Orderville Utah, hauling hay and punching cows. At age seventeen he joined the Utah Army National Guard, and served for the next twenty years as a member of HHB 2/22 FA BN. Holt is a musician specializing in early woodwinds. He spent several seasons as a musician and performer with the Utah Shakespeare Festival. For the SUMA Community Engagement Committee, Holt has created art for several past events. Many works by Holt are available through Cedar City's Artisans Art Gallery on Center Street. For more information about Brad, visit jbradholt.com.

The **Southern Utah Art Invitational Exhibition & Sale** features outstanding art by acclaimed regional artists including other work by J. Brad Holt. The show runs through **September 13, 2014** at the **Braithwaite Fine Arts Gallery**. In addition, the Utah Shakespeare Festival is showcasing Holt's art this summer in the lobby of the Randall L. Jones Theatre, next to the USF Gift Shop. The lobby is open to the public 10am-10pm. Admission is free.

For more information about the reproductions, please contact the Braithwaite Fine Arts Gallery by calling (435) 586-5432, or visiting www.edu/pva/artgallery.

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