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SUU's ART INSIGHTS FEATURES
JAY MERRYWEATHER
PAINTER & GRAPHIC DESIGNER
SEPTEMBER 18, 2014

Southern Utah University, Cedar City, Utah: With the scope of a graphic designer, painter and illustrator, Jay Merryweather is a unique artist who depicts bold and colorful realms in his work. An artist and educator, Jay shares his experiences as a featured presenter at **SUU's Department of Art & Design's** weekly series, **Art Insights**, and his presentation will take place in **Section JK** of **SUU's Centrum Arena** on **Thursday, September 18, 2014, at 7pm. Admission is free and the general public is invited to attend.**

Jay Merryweather is a hybrid designer, artist, and educator with two undergraduate Bachelors of Fine Arts degrees; One in Fine Art with an emphasis in Painting and Drawing, and a second degree in Graphic Design. His Masters of Fine Arts from Claremont Graduate University is a composite art degree with an emphases in Design, Painting, and Installation. As an educator Merryweather has had the privilege of teaching at University of Southern California, Southern Utah University and, most recently at Brigham Young University Hawaii. Merryweather has organized and directed collaborations with; the National Parks Services; Vans Inc; Soles for Souls; and has served on the Las Vegas AIGA board of directors as an education consultant.

Merryweather owns and manages Merryweather Studios, a graphic design and brand development company, where he has worked with clients and gained national and international recognition for his work. Most recently he was awarded HOW Magazine's international design award for a branding project for Gunstock Ranch on Oahu. Over the last year he has designed and consulted for; Sam Pitroda, Advisor to the Prime Minister of India; Jim Fallows, from "The Atlantic" magazine; Starbucks; Katherine Sullivan, Director of NOAA; Erwin Rademaker CCO of The Port of Rotterdam; and Jack Dangermond, Esri. Merryweather was recently awarded, exhibited, and published in The 5-0 show for AIGA, Honolulu.

In recent years he was awarded Print Magazine's "Color in Design Award" for a global collaborative undertaking, "The Ten Days Project." As a designer Merryweather has had the opportunity to do motion and UI design for Jane Goodall; presentation design for Richard Saul Wurman from TED; Logistics routing interfaces for Fed Ex, Sears, and UPS; and work as a consultant for Adobe's digital publishing suite for mobile devices.

Merryweather's personal art practice and research investigate the hybrid object and its relationship to the formal and ideological traditions of the art world. It is catalyzed by questioning the metathesiophobic world view, which includes coming to terms with how the global centering of humanity is being revealed as inevitable. He continues to exhibit his paintings and installations throughout the US and abroad most recently showing in Irvine California and Honolulu Hawaii.

Art Insights is a weekly program hosted during the fall and spring semesters by SUU's Art and Design faculty. Students and community members meet to experience presentations and discussions by visiting artists and art educators from around the nation who share their work and insights and attend gallery openings. Admission is free, and the general public is invited to attend.

This installment of Art Insights is a perfect opportunity for southern Utah artists and residents to learn from an exceptional artist whose visual sense not only dominates his work but inspires students as well.

ABOUT THE COLLEGE

Southern Utah University's College of Performing and Visual Arts is home to nationally-accredited departments of Art and Design, Music, Theatre Arts, and Dance. The College offers 17 degrees, including liberal arts Bachelor of Arts and Bachelor of Science, professional Bachelor of Music, Bachelor of Fine Arts in art and theatre, and Arts Administration Master of Arts and Master of Fine Arts. It houses the Center for Shakespeare Studies, which offers a degree minor. More than 60 full- and part-time faculty and staff teach and mentor over 550 arts majors. Over 1100 students enroll each year in more than 195 arts classes. The College presents 100 performances, lectures, presentations, and exhibitions annually. Its affiliate organizations include the Braithwaite Fine Arts Gallery, American Folk Ballet, Utah Shakespeare Festival, and the SUU Ballroom Dance Company. 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.

FOR CALENDAR EDITORS: SUU's *ART INSIGHTS* Jay Merryweather, Graphic Designer/Painter

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WHO: Art Insights, Southern Utah University, Department of Art and Design

WHEN: Thursday, September 18, 2014

TIME: 7:00pm

WHERE: Centrum Arena, Section JK, Southern Utah University, Cedar City, UT

INFO: Visit: www.suu.edu/pva/arts

PRICES: Free Admission and the General Public is encouraged to attend.