



**SOUTHERN UTAH UNIVERSITY**  
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## **CHILDREN EXPLORE CREATIVITY IN SUU'S "ARTS\*LAB" SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 21, 2015**

**Southern Utah University, Cedar City, Utah:** The arts spark creativity, and that is evident when **SUU's Department of Theatre Arts & Dance** offers its free arts classes **Arts\*Lab**. Workshops will be offered in theatre, visual arts and creative movement on **Saturday, February 21, 2015**. Pre-school and elementary age children are invited to participate in the various classes and interactive workshops. This session includes a special dance workshop for ages **3-4** from **11-11:45am**. Classes for ages **5-11** are held from **noon until 2:45pm**. All classes are held at **Gateway Preparatory Academy** in Enoch. The sessions are **free and open to youngsters in the community**.

Under the supervision of SUU Faculty members **Denise Purvis, Alisa Petersen** and **Michael Bahr**, the sessions' workshops have been created for children ages 3 to 11. However, please be advised that due to the overwhelming popularity of this program, parents are encouraged to go directly to the SUU website at <http://suu.edu/pva/ta/> for complete class information, details and registration. **All classes are free but space is limited**. If you have any questions, please contact Denise Purvis at 435-865-8024.

During its inaugural season in 2012, **Arts\*Lab** enthralled over 1500 children who enjoyed the creative engagement through the arts. According to Denise Purvis, SUU Assistant Professor of Dance and co-creator of Arts\*Lab, "these workshops give children a joyful and non-competitive experience with creative art, while helping our future educators develop skills and see new possibilities in arts education. Everyone who participates in Arts\*Lab, whether as teacher or student, receives valuable experience while having lots of fun."

Don't let your youngster miss out on this incredible and creative experience.

### **ABOUT THE COLLEGE**

The **Southern Utah University College of Performing and Visual Arts** is comprised of nationally

accredited departments of Art and Design, Music, Theatre Arts and Dance, as well as a graduate program in Arts Administration and the new Shakespeare Studies Center. The College offers 16 different degree areas, including liberal arts Bachelor of Arts and Bachelor of Science degrees; professional Bachelor of Music and Bachelor of Fine Arts in art and theatre degrees; and a Master of Fine Arts in Arts Administration degree. More than 60 full- and part-time faculty and staff are engaged in teaching and mentoring over 550 majors in the College. Over 1100 students enroll each year in over 195 arts classes on the SUU campus. The College presents 100 performances, lectures, presentations, and exhibitions each year. The College's 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 at (435) 865-8561, or by e-mail at [cpvamktg@suu.edu](mailto:cpvamktg@suu.edu).

**FOR CALENDAR EDITORS: ARTS\*LAB**

**WHAT:** Youngsters can explore and experience the joys of creating art and movement in Arts\*Lab, an exhilarating series of workshops created by the College of Performing and Visual Arts at Southern Utah University.

**WHO:** Southern Utah University's College of Performing & Visual Arts

**WHEN:** Saturday, February 21, 2015

**TIME:** Ages 3-4 11-11:45am, Ages 5-11 noon-2:45pm

**WHERE:** Gateway Preparatory Academy, 201 Thoroughbred Way, Enoch, UT

**INFO:** Phone: 435-865-8024 or [www.suu.edu/pva/ta](http://www.suu.edu/pva/ta)

**PRICE:** Free and open to all youngsters, ages 3-11