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SUU's ART INSIGHTS FEATURES
ARLYN PILLAY
PAINTER, ILLUSTRATOR, PRINTMAKER
SEPTEMBER 3, 2015

Southern Utah University, Cedar City, Utah: A multi-faceted creative force, **Arlyn Pillay** is an accomplished painter, illustrator, printmaker, sculptor, ceramicist, musician, writer and entrepreneur. Arlyn 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 the **Centrum Arena, Section JK on Thursday, September 3, 2015, at 7pm. Admission is free and the general public is invited to attend.**

Arlyn Pillay grew up in Durban, South Africa, and moved to America with his family at the age of nine and spent most of his life in Irvine, California. After graduating from Irvine High School he attended Cal State Fullerton for one year and then transferred to Art Center College of Design in Pasadena. He majored in illustration with a concentration as a gallery artist. With a disciplined work ethic, he won many scholarships at Art Center and graduated in 2003. He taught art in at a local private art school while working on various freelance projects for companies and participated in group art gallery exhibitions. Dissatisfied with the way most galleries conducted business and unsure of how to effectively bring attention to his art work, Arlyn soon realized that he needed an alternative and intimate space where people from around the world could view, purchase, and experiences his creations the way he envisioned. It needed to be a place that an artist had control over his creations, a place where he could totally and completely express himself without any limitations or restrictions, and so OGREshop.com was born. Arlyn sells his work through his website and his art gallery, the Arlyn Pillay Art Gallery located in Tustin, California.

Arlyn started to draw at three years old when his Mom, who had studied art in college, gave him his first box of crayons. His early efforts found Arlyn depicting his favorite cartoon characters from television. From small drawings in his sketchbook to giant nine foot oil paintings in his studio, the size of Arlyn's art

varies greatly and his style ranges from highly realistic portraits, cartoony whimsical cute characters, and abstract distorted shapes fused together with broad brush strokes of brightly splashed colors. As an artist, Arlyn works in oil, acrylic, watercolor, graphite, charcoal, polymer clay, modeling paste, rubber cement, ceramic clay, plastisol ink, digital painting (photoshop), pen and ink, and gouache.

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.

Explore the creative mind and realms of Arlyn Pillay by attending his Art Insights presentation.

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, 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* Arlyn Pillay – Painter, Illustrator, Printmaker

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

WHEN: Thursday, September 3, 2015

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.