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**SUU's ART INSIGHTS TO HOST
FIGURATIVE ARTIST JANET A. COOK
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Southern Utah University, Cedar City, UT: Drawing her inspiration from the timeless beauty of the human figure, **Janet A. Cook** has created art that is classic in feel yet freshly original. Exhibited nationally and internationally, Cook offers insight into her creative process during her upcoming **Art Insights** appearance, **SUU's Department of Art and Design's** weekly series showcasing distinguished artists and their medium. Cook's presentation will take place in SUU's **Auditorium Theatre** on **Thursday, September 24, 2015**, at 7pm. **Admission is free and the general public is invited to attend.**

Originally from Great Britain, **Janet A. Cook** now resides in New York, New York. In 2014 she received an Honorable Mention from the Portrait Society of America and was also selected by the Principle Gallery, Charleston, South Carolina, to participate in the international Juried exhibition WOMEN PAINTING WOMEN and the Artists painting artists show, She Depicting Her at the Alex Adam Gallery, New York City. In 2013 she exhibited at the Fountain Art Show, in Manhattan's Armory, and her work was shown in France, Germany, and Romania as part of The Dacia Universal Art Project. Cook is slated to have her next solo show in 2016 at New York's Dacia Gallery. Over the years she has received many awards for excellence, including Gold and Silver medals from the Allied Artists of America, Best in Show from the Catherine Lorillard Wolfe Art Club and an honorable mention in the Portrait Society of America members show. She is an elected member of the Salmagundi Club, the Pastel Society of America, The American Artists Professional League, The Master Circle of the International Association of Pastel Societies, The Catherine Lorillard Wolfe Art Club and The Allied Artists of America.

In discussing her work, Cook reflects, "the common thread though out my work is my fascination with the figure; it's timeless, beautiful and powerful. Additional inspiration comes from variety of sources ranging from the old masters to modern day advertising, graffiti and body art. My goal is to combine these elements, along with my own imagination into a cohesive, strong statement that intrigues and engages the viewer."

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.

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, visit www.suu.edu/pva/arts.

FOR CALENDAR EDITORS: SUU's *ART INSIGHTS* JANET A. COOK, FIGURATIVE ARTIST

- WHAT:** Drawing her inspiration from the timeless beauty of the human figure, Janet A. Cook has created art that is classic in feel yet freshly original. Exhibited nationally and internationally, Cook offers insight into her creative process during her upcoming Art Insights appearance at SUU.
- WHO:** Art Insights, Southern Utah University, Department of Art and Design
- WHEN:** Thursday, September 24, 2015 @ 7pm
- WHERE:** Auditorium Theatre, Southern Utah University, Cedar City, UT
- INFORMATION:** Visit: www.suu.edu/pva/arts
- PRICES:** Free Admission and the General Public is encouraged to attend.