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Illustrating the Whimsical with Lynn Gaines

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Southern Utah University, Cedar City, Utah: Artist Lynn Gaines will be presenting at the Southern Utah Museum of Art (SUMA) on Thursday, September 21, at 7 p.m. for the SUU Department of Art & Design's Art Insights series. An exhibit of her artwork will be on display at SUMA from September 19 through October 28, 2017. The artist talk and museum are free and open to the public. SUMA is open Tuesday through Saturday from noon to 6 p.m.

Gaines is best known for kid oriented art and illustrations. Her commercial designs are inspired by vintage children's books along with the colors and shapes of nature. She has recently finished illustrating *A Child's Introduction to African-American History* by Jabari Asim which will be released in January 2018.

Gaines says on her blog that, "I like the challenge of making diverse images and I love to illustrate pieces that look like they are stitched."

Gaines studied illustration and photography at Cleveland Institute of Art, has worked for American Greetings for over 25 years, and is now represented by Painted Word.

Art Insights is hosted during the fall and spring semesters by SUU's Art & 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.

For more information on Lynn Gaines and her fascinating world of illustration please visit her website at <http://www.lynngaindesign.com/> or on Facebook.

About the College of Performing and Visual Arts

The Southern Utah University College of Performing and Visual Arts is comprised of nationally accredited departments of Art & Design, Music, and Dance. The College also offers programs in Theatre Arts, graduate programs in Arts Administration and Music, as well as a Center for Shakespeare Studies. 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 Master of Fine Arts in Arts Administration, Master of Arts in Arts Administration, Master of Music Education and Master of Music in Music Technology graduate degrees. More than 60 full- and part-time faculty and staff are engaged in teaching and mentoring nearly 600 majors in the College. Over 1,100 students enroll each year in over 195 arts classes on the SUU campus. The College presents over 100 performances, lectures, presentations, and exhibitions each year. The College's affiliate organizations include the Southern Utah Museum of Art (SUMA), Utah Shakespeare Festival and SUU's Ballroom Dance Company. For more information about the College of Performing and Visual Arts, visit www.suu.edu/pva.

For Calendar Editors:

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Who: Art Insights, Southern Utah University, Department of Art + Design

When: Thursday, September 21, 2017

Time: 7:00 p.m.

Where: Southern Utah Museum of Art, 13 S 300 W, Cedar City, Utah

Tickets: Free admission, General Public invited to attend

Info: Visit www.suu.edu/pva for more information.

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