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Insights on Weaving Color with Pastels

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Southern Utah University, Cedar City, Utah: Artist Ellen Eagle will present on her artwork Wednesday November 14, 2018, at 7:00 p.m. in the Randall L. Jones Theatre as part of the Department of Art and Design's Art Insights program. This event is free and open to the public.

Ellen Eagle lives and works in her New Jersey home studio where she creates portraits in natural light. Her pastel paintings are represented by Forum Gallery, NY. She has had four solo exhibitions and her work is exhibited in museums and galleries throughout the United States and China. Eagle's paintings and writings have been published in many books and journals and her own book, *Pastel Painting Atelier*, was published by Watson-Guption, N.Y., in 2013 to an outpouring of critical acclaim. Ellen teaches portrait painting in pastel at The Art Students League of New York, as well as workshops throughout the United States and abroad.

Eagle said of her work, "I create my portraits over a series of sittings with my model. I work slowly and meditatively, observing his or her structure, flesh tones, and mood, with affection and respect. Pastel is the perfect medium for me: not having to mix color on a palette, I reach for my sticks of color with spontaneity the moment I observe the colors in my sitter. Yet, using a light touch, I build my layers slowly as my perceptions deepen."

Eric A. Brown, Professor of Art at SUU said of Eagle, "Her subject is the human figure created with a sensitive layering and weaving of color. The beautiful color palette in her portraiture has hues that delight and surprise but still remaining true to the sitter. Eagle's use of color will be a revelation to pastel artists and careful observers."

Eagle said, "Pastel has enraptured artists for centuries, yet it is relatively misunderstood by the general population. I am very excited to share my love of pastels' unique qualities with the artists at Southern Utah University."

Enjoy this presentation from Ellen Eagle on her beautiful pastel works on November 14th. For more information, please visit www.suu.edu/pva.

About the College of Performing and Visual Arts

The College of Performing and Visual Arts (CPVA) at Southern Utah University comprises 26 academic programs including liberal arts (BA/BS) and professional (BFA, BM) degrees in art, design, dance, music and theatre. It offers graduate programs in the fields of arts administration (MFA, MA), music education (MME), and music technology (MM). More than 60 full-time faculty and staff are engaged in teaching and mentoring nearly 700 majors in the College. CPVA

presents over 100 performances, lectures, presentations, and exhibitions each year and is affiliated with the Southern Utah Museum of Art (SUMA), Utah Shakespeare Festival, and the Center for Shakespeare Studies. Southern Utah University is an accredited member of the National Association of Schools of Art & Design (NASAD), National Association of Schools of Dance (NASD), and the National Association of Schools of Music (NASM). For more information about the College of Performing and Visual Arts, visit www.suu.edu/pva.

For Calendar Editors: Insights on Weaving Color with Pastels

- What:** Artist Ellen Eagle will present an Art Insights talk about her process in pastel painting on Wednesday November 14, 2018, at 7:00 p.m. in the Randall L. Jones Theatre.
- Who:** Ellen Eagle
- When:** Wednesday November 14, 2018
- Time:** 7:00 p.m.
- Where:** Randall L. Jones Theatre
- Tickets:** Free admission
- Info:** For more information, please visit www.suu.edu/pva.

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