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Senior BFA Capstone Exhibition Highlights Today's Emerging Artists

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Southern Utah University, Cedar City, Utah: SUU's Department of Art & Design welcomes the 2018 Bachelor of Fine Arts (BFA) students to a capstone show at the Southern Utah Museum of Art (SUMA). A variety of 2-dimensional and 3-dimensional works will be on display now through May 5, 2018. Admission is free and open to the public.

Student exhibitions are always diverse and challenging. Academic courses allow students to discover techniques, surfaces, and subjects they may not have utilized on their own. This exploration leads to technical and creative aspects.

"BFA classes are harder, more time consuming, and more mentally and physically taxing", said, Michelle Gray. "It is very validating to feel that my work is of the caliber to show in a museum like SUMA. It means that I have completed this rollercoaster of difficulty and come out on top."

Another component in academic work is the study of the human figure. It is a necessary and challenging component, which allows students to learn how to represent the human form in 2-dimensional and 3-dimensional art. Several pieces in this exhibit offer a presentation of the nude human figure. We encourage concerned patrons to view the exhibit before bringing children into the museum.

"My time at SUU has been more [beneficial] than I ever thought it would be," said undergraduate ceramic artist, Lissy Edwards. "Without the Department of Art & Design at SUU, its diversity, and fantastic professors, I would not be where I am today. Susan Harris and Russell Wrangle have been so amazing to work with; these renowned artists have taught me key ideas and skills that have pushed my work to the next level." Edwards just returned from the National Council on Education for the Ceramic Arts (NCECA) where she had the honor of showing her work in the National Student Juried Exhibition.

"We are proud of these students and impressed by their skill and passion," said, Jeff Hanson, SUU Associate Professor of Graphic Design and Department Chair.

Discover the journey of today's emerging artists in this astounding exhibition. For more information, please visit www.suu.edu/pva.

About the College of Performing and Visual Arts

The Southern Utah University College of Performing and Visual Arts is comprised of nationally accredited programs in 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 26 academic programs, 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 over 600 majors in the College. 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.

About Southern Utah Museum of Art (SUMA)

The Southern Utah Museum of Art, on the campus of Southern Utah University, features the artwork of regional artists known for their landscapes, faculty and student artists from the SUU Department of Art & Design, as well as emerging and distinguished artists from around the country. Strengths of the nearly 2,000-object permanent collection include the body of work by Jimmie Jones that exemplifies his notable career in the regions, as well as a robust collection of prints featuring well-known artists such as Pierre-Auguste Renoir, Salvador Dalí, Katsushika Hokusai, Thomas Hart Benton, and others. Part of the Beverley Taylor Sorenson Center for the Arts, which also includes the Utah Shakespeare Festival, SUMA is free and open to the public.

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- Who:** Southern Utah University, Department of Art & Design
- When:** Exhibition on display through May 5, 2018
- Time:** Tuesday through Saturday, 11 a.m. to 5 p.m.,
Extended hours on Thursdays until 8 p.m.
- Where:** Southern Utah Museum of Art, 13 S 300 W, Cedar City, Utah
- Tickets:** Free admission, General Public invited to attend
- Info:** For more information, please visit www.suu.edu/pva.

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