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## **Experience the Arts at SUMA Family Arts Night Series**

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**Southern Utah Museum of Art, Cedar City, Utah:** Beginning in January 2017, the Southern Utah Museum of Art (SUMA), SUU, and artsFUSION will team up on select Monday nights to bring performing and visual arts to life for families in Southern Utah. The SUMA Family Arts Night Series (SUMA FANS) will be held through April on Monday evenings from 6 to 7 p.m. The dates include January 9<sup>th</sup>, 23<sup>rd</sup>, and 30<sup>th</sup>, February 6<sup>th</sup>, 13<sup>th</sup>, and 27<sup>th</sup>, March 6<sup>th</sup>, 20<sup>th</sup>, and 27<sup>th</sup>, and April 3<sup>rd</sup>, 10<sup>th</sup>, and 17<sup>th</sup>.

These SUMA FANS nights will focus on visual arts, theatre, and dance. Activities will be created by student teachers in their respective disciplines. The evenings are for families to visit SUMA and participate in free artistic activities. This gives parents, children, and grandparents in our community many opportunities to create together.

Alisa Petersen, the Beverley Taylor Sorenson Endowed Chair of Elementary Arts Education at SUU, said, "The SUMA Family Arts Night Series is a great example of how SUMA benefits so many members of our community. SUU undergraduate students will gain valuable experience creating and teaching hands on arts activities which children and families will get to enjoy. We are planning to host multiple Family Arts Nights each month this spring, rotating through visual art, dance, and theatre experiences. The activities will be totally free and open to the public."

Petersen went on to say, "The SUMA Family Arts Night Series will give parents and children in our community many opportunities to experience the creative process together. Participants will get to play, move, and make art based on what they see within the museum. It is our hope that this series will inspire families to continue exploring creative activities together at home after they leave the museum."

Experience the arts with your loved ones at the SUMA Family Arts Night Series. For more information, please visit [www.suu.edu/suma](http://www.suu.edu/suma).

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**Time:** 6 to 7 p.m.

**Where:** Southern Utah Museum of Art, 13 S 300 W, Cedar City, Utah 84720

**Tickets:** Free admission

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