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Geoffrey Johnson to Kick Off Fall Art Insights

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Southern Utah University, Cedar City, Utah: Southern Utah University's (SUU) Art & Design Department kicks off another year of Art Insights with Geoffrey Johnson. Johnson will be presenting on September 8 at the Southern Utah Museum of Art (SUMA), located at 13 S 300 W, at 7 pm. Admission is free, and the general public is invited to attend.

Geoffrey Johnson was born in 1965 in Greensboro, North Carolina, and graduated from the Pennsylvania Academy of the Fine Arts, where he received numerous awards and prizes for his artistic excellence. He began exhibiting his work in galleries and venues in 1995. His work now graces many private and corporate collections, including Coca-Cola, Turner Broadcasting, BellSouth, and Wachovia Bank.

During his Art Insights presentation, Johnson will talk about his work and the process he goes through when creating a painting. He is a contemporary impressionist painter that finds inspiration in first-hand observations. Johnson uses experiences from his travels, with a blend of his personal feelings about a situation, to capture his subjects. Reviewers of his work have noted his ability to capture an elegant sense of melancholy and timelessness in each painting.

Brian Hoover, a Professor of Art for SUU, said, "I got wind of Geoff from a student. I contacted his gallery and [Geoff replied] that he was interested in coming to speak to our students." When asked about his most recent paintings centered on New York, Johnson said, "It doesn't call for color. A limited palette brings more of the mood of the city out to me. More of how I feel about it."

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.

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 and Design, Music, Theatre Arts and Dance, as well as graduate programs in Arts Administration and Music and 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 over 550 majors in the

College. Over 1100 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: SUU's Art Insights with Geoffrey Johnson

What: Geoffrey Johnson, a contemporary impressionist painter, will be discussing his process when painting. Johnson will also discuss how his experiences when travelling and personal feelings about a situation influence his art, allowing him to capture an elegant sense of melancholy and timelessness.

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

When: Thursday, September 8, 2016

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