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## **Annual Faculty Show Opens at Southern Utah Museum of Art**

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**Southern Utah University, Cedar City, Utah:** Southern Utah University Department of Art & Design Faculty take the spotlight at the Art & Design Faculty Exhibition with an opening reception on Thursday, January 18, 2018, from 6 - 8 p.m. This exhibition will be on display through February 24, 2018 at Southern Utah Museum of Art (SUMA). The museum is open Tuesday through Saturday from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. with extended hours on Thursday until 8 p.m. Admission for the museum is free and open to the public.

Art from all mediums will be incorporated into this dynamic and richly varied exhibition, including ceramics, graphic design, painting, photography, and sculpture. The show will include 2-dimensional and 3-dimensional art with a full range of techniques and styles that will both delight the senses and stir personal reflection.

Benjamin Kirkby, Assistant Professor of Art, has recently shifted his work from the digital format to 3-dimensional objects. He said, "Shifting focus meant learning a lot about something I have always taken for granted as a digital practitioner - electricity. Learning something new and very different has been a slow, painful, yet very rewarding process as I begin to see projects come together."

The diversity of media, content, and palette used by Southern Utah University Art & Design faculty is part of the beauty and uniqueness of the exhibit. With a full and part-time faculty of 21 professional artists, this is a chance for the community to celebrate the talent and achievements of this regionally, nationally, and internationally recognized group of artists.

Stuart Robinson, Assistant Professor of Art Education, said, "In *Phaedo*, Socrates stated that to be a philosopher is to prepare oneself for death. Likewise, through my art, I inspect mortality, confront existential anxieties, and examine ethical ways of living. I focus on indexicality – the residues, marks, prints, or imprints that remain, intentionally or unintentionally, after an event or interaction."

Enjoy the opportunity to mingle with great art and imagery by Southern Utah University's Art & Design faculty. For more information on the SUU College of Performing and Visual Arts events, please visit www.suu.edu/pva/arts.

## 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 <a href="https://www.suu.edu/pva">www.suu.edu/pva</a>.

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

When: Tuesday, January 16, 2018 through Saturday, February 24, 2018.

Opening Reception, Thursday, January 18, 2018 from 6 - 8 p.m.

Time: Museum hours are Tuesday through Saturday 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. with extended

hours on Thursday until 8:00 p.m.

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

**Tickets:** Free admission, General Public invited to attend.

**Info:** For more information, please visit www.suu.edu/pva/arts

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