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**Southern Utah Museum of Art and Cedar Breaks National Monument
Present Selected Artists for *Chasing Light Plein Air Festival***

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Southern Utah Museum of Art, Cedar City, Utah: The Southern Utah Museum of Art and Cedar Breaks National Monument are proud to announce the artists selected for *Chasing Light Plein Air Festival and Sale* held on July 3rd through 8th. The artists include Arlene Braithwaite, Doug Braithwaite, Royden Card, Michelle Condrat, Cody DeLong, Bruce Gomez, George Handrahan, Brad Holt, Susie Hyer, Mary Jabens, Roland Lee, Valerie Orlemann, Rachel Pettit, Bonnie Posselli, and Ellie Wilson.

Throughout the festival, these fifteen top regional plein air artists can be viewed painting at various locations from July 3rd through July 6th, including Cedar Breaks National Monument at 10 a.m., Southern Utah Museum of Art at 1 p.m., and favorite southern Utah locations. Each artist has a distinctive style and technique they use in creating their pieces of art. They use everything from oils to pastels to watercolors. The work each artist creates during the Plein Air festival will be on exhibit and for sale in SUMA beginning July 8th.

The *Chasing Light Plein Air Festival* will culminate on July 7th with a special evening at the *Wet Paint Gala*. The tickets for the Wet Paint Gala are \$50 per person and go on sale in late May. They can be purchased at the museum, 13 S 300 W, Cedar City, Utah, or www.suu.edu/suma by clicking on *Gift Shop* on the lower left navigation button. Select *Chasing Light Tickets* and complete your purchase.

On Saturday, July 8th, there will be a Plein Air Community Painting Event on the grounds of the Beverley Center for the Arts. The *Chasing Light* artists will paint from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. They will be joined by invited members of the Cedar City painting community from noon through 2 p.m. to paint the scenes of the Utah Shakespeare Festival, statue gardens, and SUMA.

The final paintings from the *Chasing Light Plein Air Festival* will be exhibited from July 8th through August 19th. Paintings can be purchased throughout the duration of the exhibition.

Join us for this exciting week filled with continuous Plein Air events. For more information about *Chasing Light Plein Air Festival*, please visit www.suu.edu/suma/exhibits/chasing-light.html.

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