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Metaphorical Imagery and Animation: Ron and Vanessa Lemen

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Southern Utah University, Cedar City, Utah: SUU's Department of Art & Design welcomes Ron and Vanessa Lemen as Art Insights speakers at the Southern Utah Museum of Art (SUMA) on March 8, 2018 at 7:00 p.m. An exhibit of the couples' artwork will also be on display at SUMA from February 27 through March 15, 2018. Ron has been a concept designer and art director in the video game industry for 10 years with many well-known clients including Sony, Disney, Time Warner, and Marvel Comics. Vanessa's work has been shown in international private collections and galleries. She was recently awarded the Grand Prize Award in the IBA Annual and an Honorable Mention and Gallery Award with the ARC Salon. Both their exhibit and Art Insights presentation are free and open to the public.

Ron's career began creating logos, graphics, and production art for skateboard companies including Birdhouse Skateboards (Tony Hawk), Airwalk Shoes, Ride Snowboards, and Transworld Media. From here, his career extended to work with Dark Horse, Marvel Comics, and Presto Studios. Since then he has become immersed in the video game and animation/film industry through Universal and Harmony Gold.

Vanessa's metaphorical imagery throughout her paintings, sketches, and illustrations have been showcased in numerous publications. She has been published in the art books Spectrum, Women of Wonder, and Infected By Art and has also been featured in magazines such as American Art Collector, Painter, ImagineFX, Poets And Artists, and San Diego Home/Garden Lifestyles magazine. She has an extensive background in working with both traditional and digital media.

Based in southern California, the Lemens teach and mentor artists online and offline through their business Lemenaid.com. They also instruct at workshops throughout the country including The Fantastic Workshop with 1FW and yearly week-long intensive creative excursions with Legendeer.

Art Insights is hosted during the fall and spring semesters by SUU's Art & Design faculty. Students and community members experience presentations and discussions by visiting artists and art educators from around the nation who share their work and insights.

Join us in experiencing the dynamic imagery and designs from Ron and Vanessa Lemen during Art Insights on Thursday, March 8, 2018 at 7:00 p.m. in SUMA. Their work will be on display at SUMA February 27 through March 15, 2018. Both events are free and open to the public.

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.

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

When: Thursday, March 8, 2018

Time: 7:00 p.m.

Where: Southern Utah Museum of Art, 13 S. 200 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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