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**Discovery Gateway: The Children's Museum of Utah Hosts *Early Utah Masterpieces*, a Utah Arts & Museum's Traveling Exhibit**

*Exhibit highlighting historic Utah artists runs through August 1, 2014.*

**Salt Lake City, UT** – Discovery Gateway: The Children's Museum of Utah presents, *Early Utah Masterpieces*, a Utah Arts & Museums' Traveling Exhibition highlighting a selection of important and historically significant works in the Utah State Fine Art Collection. Composed of 26 giclee prints of the valuable works, the travelling collection allows communities throughout the state to view and learn about Utah's artistic history. Early Utah Masterpieces will be exhibited in Discovery Gateway's Studio 444 Art Gallery now through August 1, 2014.

The exhibit is part of Discovery Gateway's month-long celebration of the state of Utah, including its history and geography. "This exhibit helps children understand where they live," explained Discovery Gateway's Chief Executive Officer, Maria Farrington. "We're dedicating our entire month of July to helping kids learn more about their own backyard, and how to appreciate everything Utah has to offer – all the way from camping to art. Kids get to learn about this truly great artwork from our Arts Educator, who will help them break down the process and significance of each reproduced piece."

*Early Utah Masterpieces* celebrates the extraordinary and rich history of the visual arts in Utah. At the first meeting of the Art Institute in 1899, money was appropriated to purchase its first painting, *Black Rock*, 1898, by J.T. Harwood – an impressive landscape of a familiar sight in the Great Salt Lake. Beginning with that significant first purchase, the Utah State Fine Art Collection has grown annually through purchases and donations.

The pieces displayed in this exhibit are *giclee* (a French word that means "a spray of liquid") reproductions of the original oil paintings. Giclee prints are generated from high-resolution digital scans and printed onto canvas using professional color ink-jet printers. The *giclee* process provides better color accuracy than other means of reproduction and can be adjusted to any size.

Early Utah Masterpieces will be exhibited at Discovery Gateway, 444 West 100 South now through Friday, August 1, 2014. Discovery Gateway is open Monday through Thursday from 10 a.m. – 6 p.m., Friday and Saturday from 10 a.m.- 8 p.m. and Sunday from 12 – 6 p.m. Accompanying educational materials are available. During the run of this exhibit, Discovery Gateway Arts Educator, Jaclyn Duncan, will conduct Studio 444 family art workshops related to Utah heritage. For more information on viewing the exhibition, please call 801-456-5437.

*Early Utah Masterpieces: "Alice Art Collection,"* was created through American Masterpieces program. *American Masterpieces: Three Centuries of Artistic Genius* is a special initiative of the National Endowment for the Arts, and presents Americans with the best of their artistic and cultural legacy, reaching large and small communities in all 50 states. Project support was provided by Utah Arts & Museums, the Utah State Legislature, the Western States Arts Federation and the National Endowment for the Arts.

### **About Utah Arts & Museums and the Traveling Exhibit Program**

Utah Arts & Museums' Traveling Exhibit Program is a statewide outreach program that provides schools, museums, libraries, and community galleries with the opportunity to bring curated exhibitions to their community. This program is supported in part by a grant from the National Endowment for the Arts. For more information on participating in the program, please contact Laura Durham at [ldurham@utah.gov](mailto:ldurham@utah.gov) or call 801.245.7270. For media inquiries, please contact Alyssa Hickman Grove, at [agrove@utah.gov](mailto:agrove@utah.gov) or call 801.236.7548.

Utah Arts & Museums is a division of the Utah Department of Heritage and Arts (DHA). To enrich the quality of life for the people of Utah, DHA creates, preserves, and promotes Heritage and Arts. The Division provides funding, education, and technical services to individuals and organizations statewide so that all Utahns, regardless of race, gender, ethnicity or economic status, can access, understand, and receive the benefits of arts and culture. Additional information on the programs and services can be found at [artsandmuseums.utah.gov](http://artsandmuseums.utah.gov) or by calling 801.236.7555.

### **About Discovery Gateway: The Children's Museum of Utah**

*Discovery Gateway: The Children's Museum of Utah is located in downtown Salt Lake City at 444 West 100 South and is a contemporary discovery center offering 60,000 square feet of interactive, hands-on fun. The engaging workshops, programs, and exhibits invite the whole family to create, learn, and play together. It is the mission of Discovery Gateway to inspire children of all ages to imagine, discover, and connect with their world to make a difference. For information, please call (801) 456-5437, or visit us at [www.discoverygateway.org](http://www.discoverygateway.org)*

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