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### **The Salt Lake Art Center celebrates its 75th Anniversary with the exhibition *Looking Back: 75 Years at the Salt Lake Art Center***

June 24 - October 14, 2006 in the Street Level Gallery

*curated by Allen Dodworth, Salt Lake Art Center Director, 1976 - 1981*

**Susan Beck, Anna Campbell Bliss, Gordon Cope, Lee Deffebach, George Dibble,  
Larry Elsner, Alvin Gittens, Stephen Goldsmith, J.T. Harwood, Richard Johnston,  
Earl Jones, Fank McEntire, Waldo Midgley, Rodger Newbold, Don Olsen, Bonnie Phillips,  
Denis Phillips, Tony Smith, Doug Snow, Will South, LeConte Stewart,  
Bonnie Sucec, Maureen O'Hara Ure, Francis Zimbeaux**

*The Salt Lake Art Center began as the Art Barn Association, a visionary group of artists and friends of the arts who formally incorporated their dreams in 1931. In 1958, the Art Barn legally renamed itself the Salt Lake Art Center. Over the years, the artists whose work has been shown here have often been among those leading the way, pushing boundaries, and taking risks, and this is as true today as it was in the beginning.*

*It has never been easy to keep alive the dreams of the founders, but today the Center is stronger than ever, after more than two decades in the heart of downtown Salt Lake City.*

*This small exhibition is an imperfect reflection of the long and remarkable history of the Salt Lake Art Center. The artists chosen have been important and influential over much of its seventy-five year life, as well as in the broader arena of Utah's cultural community. Given the limitations of space, it would be impossible to include everyone who deserves to be in this exhibition. A handful of artists and their work were obvious and indisputable. However, my choices of other artists to present may be seen as arbitrary at best, and the omitted deserving are legion. While putting together this show, I constantly thought about the many artists (and friends) who've been left out, and the hundreds of dedicated volunteers, board members and other friends of this glorious institution who for 75 years have brought energy, ideas, money, faith and love to make and keep this place a vital part of the culture of Utah. The few works of art in this exhibition, and the continued existence to this day of the Salt Lake Art Center, must represent them, and all the artists not on these walls.*

*excerpt from the essay by Allen Dodworth,  
**Looking Back: 75 Years at the Salt Lake Art Center,**  
June 2006*

**Join us on Friday, June 23 from 6 to 9 p.m. for the Opening Reception  
of the exhibition *Looking Back: 75 Years at the Salt Lake Art Center***

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