Weber State University Telitha E. Lindquist College of Arts & Humanities Announces Hurst Artists in Residence for 2014-2015

Artists to work directly with students, faculty, staff and Northern Utah community to share expertise and experiences

Ogden, Utah – Jan. 9, 2013 – Weber State University Telitha E. Lindquist College of Arts & Humanities (http://weber.edu/cah), the Western region’s foremost institution for student-centered teaching and research, today announced Jonathan Harris and Ana Castillo as the Hurst Artists in Residence for the 2014-2015 academic year. The Hurst Artist-in-Residence program was established in 1997 and is made possible by an endowment from Dean W. and Carol W. Hurst, Weber State University alumni and supporters of the university.

“The Hurst Artist-in-Residence program truly enriches the lives of students, faculty, staff and residents in Utah who desire to closely interact with world-renowned artists, performers, and scholars to extend their knowledge of the arts and humanities,” said Madonne Miner, Dean of the Lindquist College of Arts & Humanities. “The caliber of our visiting artists and scholars throughout the years is unmatched. Each year, we aim to attract and host artists and scholars who are at the forefront of their craft and who are regarded on an international scale. Our students have the opportunity to work side-by-side with these talented individuals to further enrich their learning and understanding of the world.”

Background and overview of Hurst Artists in Residence for 2014-2015

Jonathan Harris

Harris is an internet artist and designer who was recognized as a, “Young Global Leader,” by the World Economic Forum. Combining elements of computer science, anthropology, visual art and storytelling, his projects range from building the world’s largest time capsule to documenting an Alaska Eskimo whale hunt. He is recognized internationally and is a regular lecturer at technology and education related institutions and conferences.

Ana Castillo

Castillo is a celebrated poet, novelist, short story writer, essayist, editor and playwright. She has been profiled on National Public Radio and the History Channel. Castillo currently serves as the editor of, La Tolteca, an arts and literary publication dedicated to the advancement of a world without borders.
“I am truly honored to be selected for such a prestigious program at Weber State University,” said Harris. “It is my intent during my upcoming visit to explore concepts involving the intersection of storytelling with computer science along with the idea of information design and how we can all be the authors of our own stories.”

For more information on the Weber State University Hurst Artist in Residence program or for a calendar of activities involving the artists please visit: (http://www.weber.edu/cah).

**About the Telitha E. Lindquist College of Arts & Humanities**

The Weber State University Telitha E. Lindquist College of Arts & Humanities teaches students to excel as they seek, understand, question and express complexities critical to the experience of being human. The Lindquist College of Arts & Humanities offers five degree programs in the following areas: Communication, English, Foreign Language, Performing Arts and Visual Arts. Master’s degrees also are offered in Communication and English. The college serves nearly 2,000 undergraduate majors and 200 graduate students. The Lindquist College of Arts & Humanities is the Western region’s foremost institution for student-centered teaching and research that investigates the human experience and aims to educate global citizens who are responsible, creative and critical artists, performers and communicators. For more information please visit (www.weber.edu/cah) or online at (www.facebook.com/WSUartsandhumanities).

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