

View Artwork Created by Adaptive Technology at Gallery East

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Jump the Moon

Selected Works from the 2025 Utah Watercolor Society Annual Exhibit on View at Gallery East

Price — USU Eastern's art program is pleased to present "Jump the Moon," an exhibit curated by the Utah Arts & Museums Traveling Exhibition Program, from January 6 through January 30 at Gallery East. This exhibition features works from class participants at Jump the Moon, a nonprofit organization providing assistive art-making devices, art mentorship, and creative opportunities for people with disabilities or "diverse abilities," as favored by the group. Gallery East is located in the Central Instruction Building on the campus of Utah State University Eastern.

A life-threatening accident greatly enhanced Michael J. Bingham's awareness and understanding of disabilities. Having been able to fully recover from a broken neck, brain bleed, and other injuries that forced him to be dependent on others, Bingham was even more motivated to serve others with compassion and insight.

With 40 years of art and teaching experience, Bingham saw how art had the power to inspire, enlighten, and enrich all lives. He dreamt of having an innovative space that allowed everyone access to higher levels of creativity, self-expression, and communication. "Everyone's unique abilities can be unlocked and utilized for self-expression and personal fulfillment," he says.

It took over seven years for Jump the Moon Foundation to become an established nonprofit organization. However, Bingham has collaborated with local nonprofits before its establishment to "serve and improve the quality of life for those who live with mild to severe challenges." Persons with disabilities are encouraged to overcome their perceived "art disabilities" and let the inner artist out to

play. Adaptive tools designed by Bingham are often used in the process, too!

"Jump the Moon" showcases art created by kids and adults. Description labels accompanying the artwork provide stories of adaptive tools designed to ensure each individual can make art and define each artist's gift.

A reception has not been planned for this exhibition, but visitors are welcome.

The gallery is free and open to the public during the academic year. Gallery East's Fall 2025 hours are Monday through Friday, 9:00 AM – 5:00 PM. Closed weekends, and holidays.

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About Utah Division of Arts & Museums Traveling Exhibition Program

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