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University Park, Illinois, November 8, 2010 - Governors State University's Division of Digital Learning and Media Design has begun work on a new television series for cable and web broadcast called "ART Out & About." The series highlights the diversity of creative and artistic organizations in Chicago south suburbs.

From gallery exhibitions to theatre performances and from film to sculpture, all art forms will receive equal consideration in the series. Future episodes will take audiences backstage in the theatre, observe a raku pottery firing, go on location with a student film crew, and reveal the moment when movement becomes expression in dance.

Galleries, theatre, music, dance, film, photography, sculpture, paintings, and written works from the southland region will be featured.

Geoffrey Bates, Director and Curator of the GSU's Nathan Manilow Sculpture Park serves as the show's host. "The Chicago Southland is home to an extremely vibrant arts community. We'll help our viewers discover that community and challenge them to look at art from a new perspective," said Bates.

The pilot episode is currently airing on Comcast's public access channel (channel 16 in most communities). It features conversations about "Americana: Folk Art...Art and Decorative Objects from Private Collections," the current exhibit at the Tallgrass Arts Organization Gallery in Park Forest.

Governors State students were also were involved in the production of the pilot. "Our hope is to collaborate further with the College of Arts and Sciences," said Tony Labriola for DLMD, "and involve more students in all phases of production—writing, producing, shooting, and editing."

The program schedule is available at www.educatortelevision.com.

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