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13th Annual Cowgirl Up! Art from the Other Half of the West Exhibition and Sale Artist Roster Announced

-- Fine art by more than 55 of the West's best women artists- all in one place, at one time! --

Wickenburg, Ariz. – Desert Caballeros Western Museum is proud to host the 13th annual ‘**Cowgirl Up! Art from the Other Half of the West**’ Invitational Exhibition and Sale. For the over a decade, *Cowgirl Up!* has attracted emerging and established women artists from all over the West who depict the Western lifestyle in painting, drawing and sculpture. Each year, more than 300 applicants are reviewed and fewer than 60 are selected as representative of the West’s top female fine art voices today.

Cowgirl Up! is much more than a show. It’s a crossroads where artists, collectors and art enthusiasts come together to explore what it means to be a Western artist. In fact, more than 50 of the *CU!* artists make the trek to Wickenburg for opening weekend each year. *CU!* artists ride the range of techniques, styles, and mediums, from traditional to contemporary. All of the art is available for purchase, meaning that each sale supports the endeavors of women artists working today and of the Desert Caballeros Western Museum. *CU!* art can be bought throughout the run of the exhibition at the Museum or online at westernmuseum.org

During the exhibition’s opening weekend, March 23 – 25, 2018, Frontier Street in front of the Museum will transform into a tented venue for catered dinners, dancing, live auctions and an artists’ quick draw. Friday evening, March 23, will include the Miniatures Sale and Artists and Patrons Party. The evening will finish with a street dance under the tent to music by Trio Rio. Saturday, March 24, is a full day, beginning with an Artists and Collectors Forum in the morning and finishing with the popular Bash and Bid Sale for pieces in the Main Gallery, and Artist Awards Ceremony. The chuckwagon breakfast and artists’ quick draw on the morning of Sunday, March 25, is a perennial favorite. More than a dozen of the *Cowgirl Up!* artists in attendance line the street, armed with paintbrushes and sculpting tools. Their mission: to create a piece of art in 90 minutes. After the time is up, the art goes straight to the auction block for the audience to bid on. Tickets for opening weekend events range from \$10 to \$275 and are now available at westernmuseum.org.

Paintings and sculptures will remain on exhibition throughout the run of the show, which closes on May 13, 2018. Museum hours are 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. daily and from noon to 4 p.m. on Sunday. For interviews or high-resolution images of art from the show, please contact Amanda Schlueter, Marketing and Membership Manager, at marketing@westernmuseum.org.

2018 Participating Artists (as of November 17, 2018)

Maura Allen
Suzanne Baker
Heather Beary
Nancy Boren
Shawn Cameron
Jennifer Cavan
Sonja Caywood
Rox Corbett
Sheila Cottrell
Lisa Danielle
Judith Durr
Joni Falk
Sheri Farabaugh
Deborah Copenhaver Fellows
Jessica Garrett
Jessica Gilbert
Linda Glover Gooch
Lisa Gordon
Lindsey Bittner Graham
Sandy Graves
Ann Hanson
Erin Hanson
Stephanie Hartshorn
Ann Huston
Peggy Judy
Shelby Keefe
Susan Kliewer
Sue Krzyston

Laurie J. Lee
Jan Mapes
Sharon Markwardt
Deanne Lawrence McKeown
Barbara Meikle
Krystii Melaine
Marcia Molnar
Mejo Okon
Karen Petrovich
Martha Pettigrew
Heide Presse
Hadley Rampton
Stephanie Revenaugh
Cynthia Rigden
Gladys Roldan-de-Moras
Sherry Salari Sander
Samantha Sherry
Jill Soukup
Sharon Standridge
Sherry Blanchard Stuart
Gail Jones Sundell
Carol Swinney
Karmel Timmons
Rebecca Tobey
V...Vaughan
Liz Wolf
Dinah Worman

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About *Cowgirl Up!*

In 2006, Desert Caballeros Western Museum embraced a revolutionary idea: an annual exhibition showcasing the brightest contemporary female artists working in the Western genre. In the male-dominated world of Western art, *Cowgirl Up!* turned the spotlight squarely on women's voices and perspectives, serving up a new, deeper understanding of the American West. Over a decade later, *CU!* remains one of the major national events for Western women artists.

About the Museum

The Desert Caballeros Western Museum is an accredited museum by the American Alliance of Museums. The Museum is known as *Arizona's Most Western Museum*, and serves 55,000 visitors a year. The Museum preserves and exhibits the art and history of the Southwest and the desert frontier, and is well-known for its innovative exhibitions and programming. Its world-renowned collection of American Western fine art, American Indian art and artifacts, and captivating interactive exhibits, together, create an unforgettable experience for visitors. The Museum's entire lower level is devoted to a re-creation of life in Late Territorial Wickenburg. The Museum further enhances the visitor experience by offering a free audio guide tour system. The Museum also has two stores, The Museum Store and Ranch Dressing.

Visitor Information

The Desert Caballeros Western Museum is located in historic downtown Wickenburg at 21 N. Frontier St.

Current Hours of operation are:

Monday – Saturday 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.; Sunday noon – 4:00 p.m.

Summer hours of operation are:

(Memorial Day to Labor Day) Tuesday–Saturday 10:00 a.m.– 5:00 p.m.; Sunday noon – 4:00 p.m.

General admission is \$12.00 for adults, \$10.00 for seniors (60+) and AAA members, and free for Museum Members, active duty military and their families, and those 17 and under.

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