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Dan Finley Selected as New DCWM Executive Director

-- Finley previously directed the Muzéo and Autry Centers in California --

Wickenburg, Ariz. – Peter Schweitzer, Board Chairman of the Desert Caballeros Western Museum, is pleased to announce that Dan Finley has been selected as the new Executive Director for the Museum. Finley, who will begin his new role in February 2018, comes from the Muzéo Museum and Cultural Center in Anaheim, California where he has served as its Executive Director since 2014.

Finley holds a Bachelor of Arts in Economics and Geography from the University of Wisconsin. He formerly served as the president and chief executive officer of the Autry National Center of the American West in Los Angeles, California and the Milwaukee Public Museum in Milwaukee, Wisconsin.

Schweitzer notes, “Dan brings a wealth of experience and leadership to Wickenburg following his 30-plus years in executive positions with major non-profit organizations. He is noted for his development of innovative programs, team-building skills, fiscal management, fundraising ability, and for creating strategic alliances with staff, board members, volunteers, and the community.” Dan and his wife Jenifer will live in Wickenburg.

His selection follows a national search which began in September following the resignation of Sandra Harris to accept a position at Maryville University in St. Louis. The Museum’s Search Committee reviewed over 40 applications and was ably chaired by trustee Sandy Chamberlain who led members James Ballinger, Kathleen Parrish, Jason Rovey, and Betty Watt in the search. Curator Mary Ann Igna is currently serving as the Museum’s Interim Executive Director.



Dan Finley

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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; free for Museum Members, Smithsonian Affiliate Members, active duty military and their families, and those 17 and under.

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