

# DESERT CABALLEROS WESTERN MUSEUM

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## MEDIA RELEASE

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### **Jessica Garrett Receives 2018 *Cowgirl Up!* Governor's Choice Award**

-- Glendale-based artist's "*Blinding Beauty*" was personally selected by Arizona Governor Doug Ducey --

**Wickenburg, AZ – Arizona Governor Doug Ducey has selected Jessica Garrett's oil on canvas artwork, "Blinding Beauty" for the prestigious Governor's Choice Award.** Each year, the Desert Caballeros Western Museum invites the Governor of Arizona to judge the artworks entered by Arizona artists in the Museum's "Cowgirl Up! Art from the Other Half of the West" exhibition and sale and select the piece he or she feels best represents the beauty and spirit of the State of Arizona. In April, Governor Ducey paid a virtual visit to the 13<sup>th</sup> annual "Cowgirl Up!", ultimately picking Garrett's piece out of a selection presented by 17 Arizona artists.

Born in San Antonio, Texas in 1983, Jessica Garrett has made the Valley of the Sun into her professional home. In 2005 she was awarded a scholarship from the Scottsdale Artists' School, and crafted her technique through a combination of college classes and master class workshops. She has studied with R.A. Heichberger, Chris Sapier, Keven Macpherson, Tim Deibler, and Skip Whitcomb. She has participated in the *Buffalo Bill Art Show and Sale* in Cody, WY since 2010, and in *Cowgirl Up! Art from the Other Half of the West* since 2014. In September 2007, Jessica was included in *Southwest Art* magazine's article, "21 Under 31". She says of her winning piece, "Blinding Beauty", "I find the sunsets in Arizona to be some of the most spectacular. I think the combination of the dryness and the dust in the air is pure magic for evening light."

The 13<sup>th</sup> annual "Cowgirl Up!" exhibition and sale continues through Sunday, May 13 at Desert Caballeros Western Museum. A selection of art is still available for purchase online or at the Museum. Proceeds from each sale reward the creative endeavors of the "Cowgirl Up!" artists and support the

mission and operations of the Desert Caballeros Western Museum. Visit [westernmuseum.org](http://westernmuseum.org) or call the Museum at 928-684-2272 for more information.

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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 over 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, including a fascinating permanent exhibit geared for children called *Out on the Ranch*. 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 North Frontier Street.

### **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.

For more information, call 928-684-2272,  
email [info@westernmuseum.org](mailto:info@westernmuseum.org) or  
visit [www.westernmuseum.org](http://www.westernmuseum.org).

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