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Howard Post's Western Art to be Exhibited at Desert Caballeros Western Museum

-- Exhibition runs from July 21 – Nov. 25, 2018 --

Wickenburg, AZ – An exhibition featuring the work of nationally acclaimed artist Howard Post will open at the Desert Caballeros Western Museum in Wickenburg, Arizona, on July 21, 2018.

Howard Post is a third-generation Arizonan who utilizes traditional Western themes in his paintings, which are based on his upbringing in ranching and the rodeo. As a young man, Post's family reared rodeo stock outside of Tucson, and in 1965, he won the Arizona High School All-Around Championship in rodeo. While pursuing a bachelor's degree in fine arts from the University of Arizona, Post joined the school's rodeo team and soon after was on the Professional Rodeo Cowboys Association circuit. In the late 1970s, he earned a master's degree in fine art. During that time, he taught art courses and served as an art director. He also worked in commercial arts before realizing his dream to be an independent artist. Post broke free from freelance illustration work and focused on creating his own work in the early 1980s.

Post concentrates on images of cowboys, corrals, horses, livestock, and wide pastures using his own signature impressionistic style and array of colors. Christine C. Brindza, Glasser Curator of Art of the American West at the Tucson Museum of Art, notes, "Howard does not include gunfights and bar brawls and other highly dynamic images. Instead, he focuses on the quiet, real moments of the American West." Post's work has been compared to Regionalist painter Grant Wood, Western artist Maynard Dixon, Modern artist Wayne Thiebaud, and others. But his distinctive imagery stands apart – Post utilizes his own color schemes and recognizes shapes and patterns in nature as well as in human-made structures.

The exhibition was conceived and curated by the Tucson Museum of Art and Historic Block and includes approximately 40 paintings and sculptures of assorted sizes from Post's personal collection, the Tucson Museum of Art's permanent collection, and private collections. The exhibition made its first stop in



Image: Howard Post, *Three Crossing*, 2013, oil on canvas, 48 x 48 in. (121.9 x 121.9 cm). Collection of the Tucson Museum of Art. Gift of James and Louise Glasser. 2014.1.1

Cartersville, Georgia, at the Booth Western Art Museum before returning to the Tucson Museum of Art and Historic Block. The Desert Caballeros Western Museum is the exhibition's third and final stop on its tour.

Howard Post will give a presentation about the exhibition at Desert Caballeros Western Museum on Thursday, Oct. 11 at 11 a.m. His talk is included with paid Museum admission or free for Museum Members.

The exhibition runs through November 25, 2018. DCWM's exhibitions are sponsored in part by AZCOMP Technologies; John and Lynne Boyer; Christine and Paul Branstad; Dita and John Daub; The DeVore Foundation, Alta and Bill DeVore, Trustees; Jim and Rea Ludke; Sharon and Lanny Martin; Elaine and Peter Schweitzer; and Kathleen Parrish and Doug Spencer.

For more information and high-resolution images, contact Amanda Schlueter at the Desert Caballeros Western Museum, 928-684-2272 or marketing@westernmuseum.org.

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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,
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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.