See the Art of the Car this Summer at Arts Center
“Luster” and Other Vehicle-Themed Exhibits on Display

(Pueblo, Colo.-May 9, 2019) “Luster: Realism and Hyperrealism in Contemporary Automobile and Motorcycle Painting,” runs June - September 29, 2019 and is comprised of over 55 paintings by 15 of today’s realists and hyperrealists who specialize in automobiles and motorcycles as their primary subject. Artists include (in alphabetical order): A.D. Cook (Las Vegas, NV), Randy Ford (Eastampton, NJ), Allan Gorman (West Orange, NJ), Marc G. Jones (Loveland, CO), Cheryl Kelley (Northern California), Richard Lewis (Los Angeles, CA), Lory Lockwood (New Orleans, LA), Robert Petillo (Hardyston, NJ), Kris Preslan (Lake Oswego, OR), Joseph Santos (Buena Park, CA), Ken Scaglia (Weston, CT), John E. Schaeffer (La Grange, TX), Guenevere “Moto Painter” Schwien (Portland, OR), and Harold Zabady (Camp Hill, PA). Their work exemplifies the very best of automotive painting being done today, and builds on that of the first wave of photo-realists in the ‘60’s and ‘70’s, which included the likes of Harold Cleworth, Don Eddy, Richard Estes, and Ralph Goings.

Like the shiny automobiles and motorcycles portrayed by the exhibit’s artists, this exhibit’s paintings can be characterized by the luster that permeates their imagery. Chrome ornamentation and trim together with enameled bodywork, glass, and interior fabrication to meet the needs of purpose-built vehicles of all sorts: these are the surfaces which recent realists and hyperrealists have exploited to generate true, virtuosic masterpieces.

Serving as curator for “Luster: Realism and Hyperrealism in Contemporary Automobile and Motorcycle Painting,” is David J. Wagner, who earned his Ph.D. in American Studies and served as a museum director for 20 years.

“Luster” is sponsored by The Robert Hoag Rawlings Foundation, Dr. Jarvis & Mary Jo Ryals, The Jackson Foundation, Pueblo Toyota, Wendy & Dr. Barry Rapp, The Walter & Lucille Timme Foundation, Carolyn Jackson, The Bob & Doris Johnston Foundation, Carolyn Jackson, Dr Richard & Joyce Lawrence, Mona Askwig, Dan & Kerry DeRose, Bill & Elaine Nicoll, John Oechsle in memory of Ing Oechsle, Banner & Bower, P.C., Drs. Gregorio & Haydee Kort, Ken Scaglia & Fran McClave, Dr. Chris & Judy Stjernholm, Dr. Carl & Kat Bercicchi, Ted & Sylvia Clair, Drs. Bob & Sara Tonsing, and KPH 95.5. Additionally sponsored by D&S Paint Center, Pueblo Community College Automotive Department, Pueblo City-County Library District, and Stifel.

Companion exhibits include:
“The Timme Collection: Motorcycles & Ephemera from the Forney Museum of Transportation,” June 8 - September 15, 2019 which represents the array and vastness of items from Walt Timme’s motorcycle dealership - a fixture in Downtown Pueblo for almost 65 years. These and accompanying materials were donated to the

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Forney Museum of Transportation after his death in 2005 by the Walter and Lucille Timme Foundation. He belonged to the Antique Motorcycle Club of America, and he and his wife Lucille were inducted as a couple into a Motorcycle Hall of Fame.

During this exhibit, anyone who visits the Forney Museum of Transportation in Denver receives $2 off admission when they mention the Sangre de Cristo Arts Center.

“All Aboard! The Art and Craft of Model Railroading,” May 25 - September 1, 2019, featuring to-scale model trains representing many different types of locomotives, train cars, and railroads along with models, photographs, railroad signs, and other pieces from the collections of the Pueblo Model Railroad Association, Colorado Model Railroad Museum (Greeley, CO) and Steelworks Center of the West (Pueblo).

“Models and Miniatures: A Collection from the Forney Museum of Transportation,” June 1 - September 8, 2019, with everything from pre-war matchbox-sized to kid-sized pedal cars, die cast replicas and showroom giveaways, this exhibit will delight kids from 1 to 100. The Forney Museum of Transportation has generously loaned this collection of pint-sized vehicles to the Sangre de Cristo Arts Center for all to enjoy.

“A Lifetime Passion,” May 18, 2019 - August 25, 2019, portraying photographs and ephemera from the collection of Dabney T. Collins. Collins, a mechanic, engineer, importer, and racecar driver, was imbued with a passion for cars and all things that went fast.

“Amy Winter: The Heart of Our Nature,” May 18 - August 18, 2019, featuring the Denver artist’s paintings which give voice to the powerful beauty of the west and its residents and evoke fluidity and speed and the joy that comes with movement. Amy Winter is the 2018 winner of the People’s Choice Award from the “Representing the West: A New Frontier exhibition.”

**Special Events:**

Friday, June 7, 2019, 6:00 pm | **47th Anniversary Gala and opening night of “Luster”** | $125 tickets
Saturday, June 8, 2019 | 11:30 am | **Coffee with Artists Richard Lewis and Marc Jones**

Hear from artists from the “Luster” exhibit about their process and subjects. Program included in price of admission.

Sunday, June 16, 2019, 12pm - 4 pm | **Community Pay-As-You-Can Day** (“Luster” half price this day)

Pay As You Can admission is made possible by the Southern Colorado Community Foundation and David Jackson in honor of Bob Jackson.

Sat, June 29, 2019 at 2pm | **Art Lecture: Harley Davidson Calendar in Pueblo by Gregory Howell**

Harley-Davidson, Pueblo, and many of its iconic historic structures have gone global! Each year the legendary Milwaukee-based manufacturer searches for locations and in the eyes of its executives, Pueblo more than fit the eye-catching bill. Learn how this milestone event captured the attention of millions and served as the trigger in creating the newly formed Pueblo Regional Film Commission. Program included in price of admission.

Sunday, August 11, 2019, 12pm - 4 pm | **Community Pay-As-You-Can Day & First Responder Day**

“Luster” half price this day. Pay-As-You-Can admission is made possible by the W. Brett Kelly Trust.

Arts Center hours are Monday-Saturday 10 am - 5 pm, Sunday 12 - 4 pm. Admission is $10 for adults, $8 for children, military, and seniors 65+. Visit sdc-arts.org for more information and activities.

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