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Old West Meets New West in Shows at Arts Center

Representing the West and *Goodnight Invitational* Highlight the Traditional and Modern West

(Pueblo, Colo.-January 15, 2020) The Sangre de Cristo Arts and Conference Center's signature exhibition *Representing the West: A New Frontier* juried art show runs February 8 through May 10, 2020. This exhibition is a chance to enjoy artwork in a variety of mediums which consider the changing culture and myths of the American West.

Non-traditional subject matters, materials, and concepts as well as traditional depictions of the West will be on display, including video pieces. Over \$5,000 in prize money is awarded during this exhibition, along with a coveted "People's Choice" title which is bestowed by public vote affording the opportunity for a solo exhibit at the Arts Center. This year's juror is Nicole M. Crawford, the Assistant Director and Chief Curator of the University of Wyoming Art Museum. She holds a dual MA in Art History and Museum Studies and a BA in Art History from the University of Nebraska. *Representing the West* is sponsored by an anonymous cowgirl, US Bank and Charles and Shari Ready.

The show welcomes non-traditional subject matter, material, and concepts as well as traditional depictions of the West. A special "Coffee with the Curator" will feature Ms. Crawford and some of the artists at 11:15 AM on Saturday, February 8 in the White Gallery, and is included with the price of admission.

Following a more traditional approach to western art, the *Goodnight Invitational Art Show and Sale* will open January 18 and run through March 8, 2020. This invitational benefits the Charles Goodnight Barn restoration with traditional western-themed works such as cowboys, Native Americans, landscape, wildlife, equine, rodeo, livestock, ranch life, and Americana. A portion of all proceeds benefit the preservation of the historic Goodnight Barn (cir.1870), located in Pueblo, Colorado.

Works from both exhibitions are for sale and may be picked up at the end of each show. An opening reception for both shows will take place on February 7 during First Friday Art Walk from 5 - 7 PM with a chance for guests to meet the artists. Complimentary admission and refreshments this night is made possible thanks to an anonymous cowgirl.

Also opening at the Arts Center in January:

Color In Color: Celebrating The Vibrancy of Minority Women | Jan 18 - Apr 26,
Perennial Favorites From the Francis King Collection of Western Art | Jan 25 - May 3,
Selections From the Regional and Contemporary Collection | Feb 8 - May 10 and
Gray & Gray: 75 Years of Working in Dirt | Mar 21 - May 3.

The Sangre de Cristo Arts Center galleries are open Wednesday-Saturday 11 AM-4 PM and Sunday Noon-4 PM. Admission is \$10 adult / \$8 child, senior 65+ & military, Arts Center members free.

About the Sangre de Cristo Arts Center:

The cultural hub of Southern Colorado, the Sangre de Cristo Arts Center gives visitors the tools to think and act creatively through a three building complex including seven galleries offering the best in historic and contemporary art by artists of local, regional and national renown. The Arts Center offers the Buell Children's Museum, recognized as the second-best for art by Child magazine, a 500-seat theater featuring a variety of performing arts programs, both local and national, and two gift shops. Over 100 fine arts, dance, and leisure classes are available quarterly providing unique offerings to everyone from children to adults of all skill levels. Admission to the Arts Center is \$10 for adults, \$8 for children, seniors 65+, and military. For more information, please call 719-295-7200; stop by the Arts Center located at 210 N. Santa Fe Ave., just off of I-25, exit 98B, or visit online at www.sdc-arts.org.

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