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***Windows to the West Art Show and Sale Brings World-Renowned Artists to Estes Park
as Part of the New Estes Park Western Days***

ESTES PARK – The first annual Windows to the West Art Show and Sale will be held as part of Estes Park Western Days in Estes Park, Colo. May 29 to 31. Western artists from 14 states will converge on the Estes Park Event Center to display their art in a variety of mediums, including oil, watercolor, acrylic, pencil, pastel, pyrography and bronze. The show is being produced as a fundraiser for the Estes Park Western Heritage Foundation, and will feature a gala and art sale on Friday night, May 29. The artwork will also be on display during the western merchandise show on Saturday and Sunday. Estes Park Western Days also includes the 4th annual ‘Beat the Heat’ barrel racing competition and western music throughout the village.

When asked what defined art as “Western Art” Dr. Howell Wright, the Foundations President, said “That question created a lot of discussion among our planners, and we finally decided that if a piece of art, in the mediums we selected, evoked a feeling of the ”spirit of the West” then it would be considered for the show.”

The artwork on display and for sale will depict a variety of landscapes, western animals, and some classic depictions of the cowboy, mountain man, and Native American cultures. Estes Park is known for its world-class Rooftop Rodeo, and artwork in the show will also include rodeo scenes in canvas art and sculpture.

Windows to the West will be one of the largest Western Art shows in this part of the United States. Close to 50 of the nation’s top Western artists will bring approximately 200 pieces of fine art to the show. The artists, such as Larry Case, Mia DeLode, Herb Mignery, and Dan Deuter, have been featured in countless magazines and articles relating to Western art, architecture, and the Western lifestyle. Their work hangs in museums, galleries, and private collections around the World.

Tickets for the Artist Gala, Friday night, May 29, can be ordered online for \$40 each. The Gala will include the unveiling of the artwork and the first opportunity to purchase the pieces. Guests

to the gala will also enjoy music, drinks, heavy hors d'oeuvres and the opportunity to meet the artists.

The Western Design and Merchandise Show and Sale will be held at the Estes Park Event Center on Saturday from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Sunday from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. The \$5 entry fee includes the opportunity to view the Windows to the West Art Show, as well as the design and merchandise show which showcases hand-crafted works of metal, glass, wood, leather, plants and natural fibers. Merchandise and artwork from traditional cowboy artisans, photographers, silversmiths and carpenters will be included in this show.

For additional event details and ticket information go to www.VisitEstesPark.com/Events.

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ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:

About Western Heritage Foundation:

The Foundation is a nonprofit corporation dedicated to supporting educational initiatives that help preserve and/or promote Western heritage in the Estes Valley.

www.estesparkwesternheritagefoundation.org

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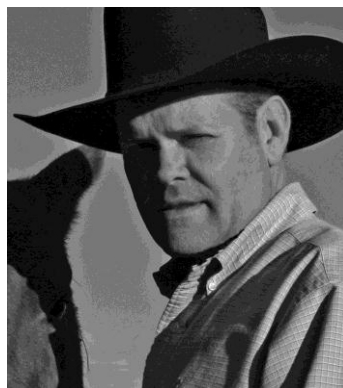
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About the Artists:

Larry Case



"Broken Trail"



From his studio in Oklahoma City, Larry paints striking realistic images of the contemporary and historical American West. He received a B.A. in art from Northwestern Oklahoma State University and later earned a master's degree. His pencil

drawings and oil paintings deal with people and their relationships with each other, their animals, and their land. Case says, “Drawing and painting is as natural to me as eating or sleeping. It’s just something that has to be done. It’s exciting and rewarding to be able to portray people and a lifestyle that I respect.” Case draws on the memories of working on his in-laws’ ranch and spends countless hours on research, sketching, and planning before beginning to paint. He also relies on a large reference library from which he resources to create his paintings.

One of the first things you see when you look at the work of artist Mia DeLode is her extraordinary use of light. She also draws you into the painting like you feel you are a part of the conversation in her “Long Trails and Tall Tails.”

Mia DeLode



“Long Trails and Tall Tales”



Mia is a fourth generation rancher from central Montana. Born and bred to be part of the rural west, she is an accomplished painter, sculptor, and writer of the culture, animals, people and the humor that is unique to western living. Her paintings appear in many shows and her writing has been featured in Crazy Woman Creek published by Mariner books, a three part anthology of western women. Mia has been showing at the C. M. Russell Auction and Show at Great Falls, Montana, since 2006 as well as other national shows.

Herb Mignery is one of the most respected Western Sculptures in America. He literally has no boundaries because his work comes in table top size to pieces you could not fit in a large building. Herb’s subjects often depict the difficult lives the people of the West led. The figures have certain elegance and a sense of classical composure in spite of the fact that they are not idealized. Details and accoutrement tell us about the subjects, their professions, and their lives, so that each sculpture completes a piece of the story of life in the West. The beauty of imperfections is what we see, for it is the imperfections that reveal hidden tales of the figures’ lives.

Herb Mignery



"The Protest"



Dan Deuter



"Bald Eagle"



Quite a few Western artists come to their craft because they grew up cowboy or cowgirl and now depict, in their chosen medium, the experiences of their western way of life. Dan is that, but a bit more. For more than 40 years Dan has lived the life, 24/7, of a Mountain Man. Born in 1949, Dan grew up on the family cattle ranch in Rees Heights, South Dakota. At an early age, Dan and his brothers were breaking ponies and later, horses. Dan started drawing at an early age, inspired by the life he was in the process of living. "I knew early on that I wanted to be an artist...when we were little our parents bought us reams of paper instead of coloring books which gave me a big advantage. I didn't have to stay inside the lines!" Because of his Mountain Man lifestyle (he told me he has not worn regular shoes or boots in 40 years-only moccasins) he recently starred in a TV reality show about Mountain Men.