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National Cowboy Museum Announces 2021 Honorees for 60th Western Heritage Awards

OKLAHOMA CITY, OK – Some of the biggest names in popular film, literature, television and music will be recognized during the 60th anniversary Western Heritage Awards, scheduled for September 17 – 18, 2021, at the National Cowboy & Western Heritage Museum in Oklahoma City. The event has been expanded to honor individuals from both 2020 and 2021.

New this year, individuals in the literature and music categories will be recognized during a special awards luncheon on Friday, September 17. All other inductees and honorees will be recognized during the Western Heritage Awards Induction Ceremony on Saturday, September 18 beginning at 6:00 p.m.

“We’re so proud to celebrate the 60th anniversary of this iconic event, which honors the individuals and creative works that continue the special legacy of the American West,” said Natalie Shirley, Museum president & CEO. “With both the 2020 and 2021 honorees and inductees being recognized this year, it’s sure to be an exciting weekend.”

For ticket information and other schedule updates, visit nationalcowboymuseum.org/westernheritageawards.

2021 Western Heritage Awards Honoree List

LITERATURE

Western Novel

The King of Taos: A Novel by the late Max Evans, published by the University of New Mexico Press.

Nonfiction Book

Sand Creek and the Tragic End of a Lifeway by Louis Kraft, published by the University of Oklahoma Press

Art/Photography Book

Making a Hand: The Art of H.D. Bugbee by Michael Grauer, published by Texas A&M University Press

Juvenile Book

Silverbelly by S.J. Dahlstrom, published by Paul Dry Books.

Magazine Article

"Transitions in the Changing West: The Photographic Legacy of Jessamine Spear Johnson," by Tempe J. Javitz, published in *Montana: The Magazine of Western History* by the Montana Historical Society

Poetry Book

Second Wind by Patricia Frolander, published by High Plains Press

MUSIC**Original Western Composition**

"El Caballo Del Fuego," recording artist Doug Figgs/The Cowboy Way, composed by Doug Figgs, Floyd Beard, Mariam Funke

Traditional Western Album

A Place to Land, recording artist Kristyn Harris, produced by Aaron Meador

FILM & TELEVISION HONOREES**Western Lifestyle Program**

Today's Wild West, E307 produced by Mark Bedor at Today's Wild West LLC

Theatrical Motion Picture

News of the World, starring Tom Hanks, produced by Universal Pictures

Documentary

Charlie Russell's Old West, by coproducer and director Gus Chambers and writer and coproducer Paul Zalis at MontanaPBS

Fictional Drama

"I Killed a Man Today," *Yellowstone*, S3, E8 starring Kevin Costner, written by Taylor Sheridan

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About the National Cowboy & Western Heritage Museum

The National Cowboy & Western Heritage Museum in Oklahoma City is America's premier institution of Western history, art and culture. Founded in 1955, the Museum collects, preserves and exhibits an internationally renowned collection of Western art and artifacts while sponsoring dynamic educational programs to stimulate interest in the enduring legacy of the American West. For more information, visit nationalcowboymuseum.org.