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**Discover the Stories of Romantic and Modernist Artists  
from the West with *New Beginnings* Exhibition**

**OKLAHOMA CITY** – Visitors to ‘The Cowboy’ can discover the power of the West’s physical, cultural and spiritual landscapes through the eyes of romantic and modernist artist of 1888 through 1982 with the *New Beginnings: An American Story of Romantics and Modernists in the West* exhibition on display September 10, 2021 – January 2, 2022.

*New Beginnings* is a traveling exhibition including more than 100 works curated from the private *Tia Collection* in Santa Fe, New Mexico. Works of art in the exhibition include paintings, sculpture, textiles and furniture – many of which have not been publicly displayed previously.

“We are so pleased to display pieces from the renowned Tia Collection here at The Cowboy,” said Natalie Shirley, National Cowboy & Western Heritage Museum President and CEO. “The collector has pulled together a brilliant variety of works that represent the majesty of the American West.”

The exhibition presents a comparison of early 20<sup>th</sup> century American art and offers a fresh view of the evolution of art in the United States from the era of Romanticism to Modernism through the lens of New Mexico artists.

“During the 1920s and 1930s, Santa Fe and Taos were recognized as two of the nation’s – and world’s – most important art communities,” as stated by the Tia Collection, a global art collection based in Santa Fe, New Mexico. “The cosmopolitan denizens of these relatively remote outposts embraced a multicultural America by engaging with Native American and Hispano populations. *New Beginnings: An American Story of Romantics and Modernists in the West* presents more than 100 works based on artists’ impressions of New Mexico, that were created over the course of a century from the late 1800-1900s. By placing the works of lesser-known artists alongside pillars of the art community, *New Beginnings* offers a fresh perspective and new dimension to the history of the Taos and Santa Fe art colonies and their enduring legacy.”

The Cowboy is the final stop in a three year, six museum tour of Museums across the United States. A new edition of the 312-page, full-color catalogue of the exhibition accompanies the venue at the Cowboy, with a new essay on the museum's own significant historic Western art collection.

For more information on *New Beginnings: An American Story of Romantics and Modernists in the West*, visit [nationalcowboymuseum.org/all-exhibitions](http://nationalcowboymuseum.org/all-exhibitions).

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### **About the National Cowboy & Western Heritage Museum**

Nationally accredited by the American Alliance of Museums (AAM), the National Cowboy & Western Heritage Museum is located only six miles northeast of downtown Oklahoma City in the Adventure District at the junction of Interstates 44 and 35, the state's exciting Adventure Road corridor. The Museum offers annual memberships beginning at just \$40. For more information, visit [nationalcowboymuseum.org](http://nationalcowboymuseum.org). For high-resolution images related to the National Cowboy Museum, visit [nationalcowboymuseum.org/media-pics/](http://nationalcowboymuseum.org/media-pics/).