“1883” Actor, Screenwriter Director and Producer Taylor Sheridan, Chickasaw Producers among 61st Western Heritage Awards Honorees

OKLAHOMA CITY, OK – This year, Hollywood actors Kurt Russell and Burt Reynolds will be inducted into The Cowboy’s Hall of Great Western Performers, while some of the top names in Western film, literature and music will be recognized for their work produced in the previous year. Honorees will receive a Wrangler award during the 61st Western Heritage Awards Dinner held at the National Cowboy & Western Heritage Museum, April 9.

“The American West is more than a geographical location, it’s a mindset and an attitude that these creators have preserved and promoted through their work,” said Natalie Shirley, Museum President & CEO of the 2021 Honorees. “This year’s Honorees are making contributions to Western culture and heritage that we’re proud to recognize.”

Reservations for the event will open March 1, 2022, at 8:00 a.m. CST. Entrance to the Western Heritage Cocktail Reception starts at $40 per ticket, while the Western Heritage Awards Dinner starts at $155 per ticket. Contact Hannah Berkley at hberkley@nationalcowboymuseum.org for more information.

Western Heritage Awards Honorees

LITERATURE

Nonfiction Book

Art/Photography Book
*Edward Borein: Etched by the West*, by B. Byron Price, published by Santa Barbara Historical Museum
Juvenile Book
*Cow Boyhood*, by S. J. Dahlstrom, published by Paul Dry Books

Magazine Article
“Here She Comes, Wearin’ Them Britches!” by Tracey Hanshew, published by Montana Historical Society

Western Novel
*The Removed*, by Brandon Hobson, published by HarperCollins

Poetry Book
*Stone Roses*, by Linda Neal Reising, published by Kelsay Books

MUSIC

Original Western Composition
“Old Horses and Old Men” recording artist Jim Jones, composed by Jim Jones, Deanna McCall and Dave McCall

Traditional Western Album
*Montford: The Chickasaw Rancher Original Motion Picture Soundtrack*, recording artist Ben McKenzie, composed by Bryan E. Miller

FILM & TELEVISION HONOREES

Western Lifestyle Program
*Red Steagall is Somewhere West of Wall Street* “Fort Worth Horse and Mule Barns,” produced by West of Wall Street Film Company, LLC

Theatrical Motion Picture
*Power of the Dog*, starring Benedict Cumberbatch and Kirsten Dunst, directed and written by Jane Campion and Thomas Savage

Documentary
*Home From School: The Children of Carlisle*, directed by Geoff O'Gara, produced by Caldera Productions

Television Feature Film
*Montford: The Chickasaw Rancher*, directed by Nathan Frankowski, produced by Robyn Elliott and Paul Sirmons

Fictional Drama
“1883” *1883* S1, E1, directed by Taylor Sheridan, produced by Taylor Sheridan and David C. Glasser
Western Heritage Awards Inductees and Award Winners

Hall of Great Westerners
Frank Boardman "Pistol Pete" Eaton (1860 – 1958)
Gerald Timmerman

Hall of Great Western Performers
Burt Reynolds (1936 – 2018)
Kurt Russell

Chester A. Reynolds Award
James F. Hoy

Lifetime Achievement Award
Linda Mitchell Davis

Western Visionary Award
Foster Friess (1940 – 2021)

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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. The Museum is located only six miles northeast of downtown Oklahoma City at 1700 Northeast 63rd Street. Annual family memberships are available beginning at just $40. For more information, visit nationalcowboymuseum.org. For high-resolution images related to this release, visit nationalcowboymuseum.org/media.