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New Exhibition, *ARToons*, Opening at The Cowboy

Presented in conjunction with themes of *You Have Died of Dysentery* and *Playing Cowboy*, *ARToons* offers a playful perspective of the American West through the lens of an artist

OKLAHOMA CITY, OK – On February 24, 2022, the new exhibition, *ARToons*, will present the playful nature of cartoons and comics created by Western artists Duane Bryers and Tom Ryan, while emphasizing cartooning as an art form. Some of the highlights of the exhibition include never-before exhibited images of Bryers' beloved pinup cartoon, Hilda, as well as childhood comics created by Ryan.

Drawn entirely from the A. Keith Brodtkin Contemporary Western Artists Project collections, *ARToons* will reveal a different side to artists who are renowned for their fine art. Guests will be able to experience a range of techniques and different approaches to the creative process.

“Cartooning and creating comic strips is a stand-alone artform,” said Kera Newby, Director of the Dickinson Research Center and Curator of Archives. “Artists develop personal styles that exaggerate human features and their surroundings, bringing to life comedic observations. Cartoons about themes in the American West showcase the diverse history and perspectives that have grown from the region.”

ARToons will be on exhibit through July 26, 2023. For photos associated with this release, contact Hannah Stewart at hstewart@nationalcowboymuseum.org.

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