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## **“Yellowstone” Actor and Activist Mo Brings Plenty to Return as Emcee for 62<sup>nd</sup> Western Heritage Awards**

**OKLAHOMA CITY, OK** – The National Cowboy & Western Heritage Museum is excited to announce the return of actor Mo Brings Plenty, best known for his role as “Mo” on the hit television series “Yellowstone,” as emcee for the 2023 Western Heritage Awards dinner on Saturday, April 15.

The Western Heritage Awards honors individuals who have made significant contributions to Western heritage through creative works in literature, music, television and film, and serves as the induction ceremony for the National Cowboy Museum’s Hall of Great Westerners and Hall of Great Western Performers. Also presented annually is the Chester A. Reynolds Award, named in honor of the founder of the Museum and presented to a living honoree or group that has notably perpetuated the legacy of the American West.

On Friday, April 14 at 11:00 AM, the public is invited to participate in “The Vaquero Way: Spanish Horsemanship,” a workshop featuring Chester A. Reynolds award winner, Bobby Ingersoll and former Museum curator, Don Reeves. It will be moderated by the Museum’s McCasland Chair of Cowboy Culture, Michael Grauer. The panel discussion on Saturday, April 15 at 11:00 a.m. is also open to the public with the purchase of Museum admission.

This year, the Museum will hold a Kick-Off Party on April 14 at 5:30 p.m. and welcomes the public to mingle with inductees and honorees while enjoying complimentary refreshments, hors d’oeuvres and live music featuring Dan Miller’s Cowboy Music Revue. Tickets for the Friday Kick-Off Party are \$60 for members and \$70 for general admission. Reservations close April 7.

Due to limited space and overwhelming support from the honorees’ and inductees’ families and friends, tickets to the awards dinner are not available for purchase at this time. To be added to the waitlist, visit [nationalcowboymuseum.org/westernheritage](http://nationalcowboymuseum.org/westernheritage). For event details, contact Hannah Forman at [hforman@nationalcowboymuseum.org](mailto:hforman@nationalcowboymuseum.org).

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## **Western Heritage Awards Honorees**

### **LITERATURE**

#### **Nonfiction Book**

*Love & Try* by Andrew Giangola, published by Cedar Gate Publishing

#### **Art/Photography Book**

*Ranchland: Wagonhound* by Anouk Krantz, published by ACC ART BOOKS / IMAGES PUBLISHING

#### **Juvenile Book**

*The Rowdy Randy Wild West Show* by Casey Rislov, published by Mountain Stars Press

#### **Magazine Article**

*"Texas Jack" Takes an Encore* by Matthew Kerns, published by *Wild West Magazine*/HISTORYNET

#### **Western Novel**

*Think of Horses: A Novel* by Mary Clearman Blew, published by Bison Books/University of Nebraska Press

#### **Poetry Book**

*Last Red Dirt Embrace* by W.K. Stratton, published by Lamar University Literary Press

### **MUSIC**

#### Original Western Composition

"Blues for 66," recording artist Michael Martin Murphey and Ryan Murphey, composed by Michael Martin Murphey and Ryan Murphey

#### Traditional Western Album

*WESTBOUND*, recording artist Micki Fuhrman, composed by Micki Fuhrman

### **FILM & TELEVISION HONOREES**

#### **Western Lifestyle Program**

*Red Steagall is Somewhere West of Wall Street*, "Reba," produced by West of Wall Street Film Company, LLC

#### **Theatrical Motion Picture**

*Dead for a Dollar*, starring Christoph Waltz and Willem Dafoe, written and directed by Walter Hill, produced by Carolyn McMaster and Neil Dunn with CHAOS a Film Production Company Inc.

### **Documentary**

*The Long Rider*, directed by Filipe Masetti Leite, produced by Filipe Masetti Leite and Sean Cisterna

### **Fictional Drama**

"Monster Slayer," *Dark Winds* S1, E1, directed by Chris Eyre and Sanford Bookstaver, produced by Graham Roland, Vince Calandra, George R.R. Martin, Robert Redford, Tina Elmo, Vince Gerardis, Chris Eyre, Zahn McClarnon, Anne Hillerman and Wayne Morris

## **Western Heritage Awards Inductees and Award Winners**

### **Hall of Great Westerners**

Robert A. Funk Sr.  
Daniel Webster "80 John" Wallace (1860-1939)

### **Hall of Great Western Performers**

Lou Diamond Phillips  
Bob Wills (1905-1975)

### **Chester A. Reynolds Award**

Bobby Ingersoll

### **Lifetime Achievement Award**

Red Steagall

### **Western Visionary Award**

Pete Coors

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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. The Museum is located only six miles northeast of downtown Oklahoma City at 1700 Northeast 63<sup>rd</sup> Street. Memberships are available beginning at just \$50. For more information, visit [nationalcowboymuseum.org](http://nationalcowboymuseum.org).