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American Farmer Coming to the National Cowboy & Western Heritage Museum

Photography exhibition by Paul Mobley captures the soul of the nation's farming communities

OKLAHOMA CITY, OK – Opening on August 25, 2023, *American Farmer* tells the story of photographer Paul Mobley who set out to capture America's farm communities, where he encountered an enduring rural culture that remains rooted in the principles of tradition, family, integrity and hard work.

Out of a collection of more than 200 of these portraits, ExhibitsUSA has distilled a selection of forty-five iconic portraits showcasing the geographic and cultural diversity of the American Farmer. This vivid portfolio is accompanied by anecdotes and memories in the farmers' own words that are both a testament to their enduring hospitality and a moving glimpse into the hardships and joys of a way of life that once defined our national identity.

"Agricultural heritage is a quintessential part of the history and identity of the West, but its significance is often overlooked," said Nathan Jones, Curator of History at the National Cowboy & Western Heritage Museum. "Mobley's photographs perfectly capture the important role that farmers have played in sustaining generations through economic growth and a deep-rooted sense of community, both in Oklahoma and the rest of the country."

American Farmer will be on exhibit through October 18, 2023 and is a Program of ExhibitsUSA, a national division of Mid-America Arts Alliance and The National Endowment for the Arts.

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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

63rd Street. Memberships are available beginning at just \$50. For more information, visit nationalcowboymuseum.org.