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Oklahoma Native Actor Rex Linn to Emcee for 63rd Western Heritage Awards

OKLAHOMA CITY, OK – The National Cowboy & Western Heritage Museum is pleased to announce Rex Linn – who has appeared in over 50 feature films and 45 television shows – as emcee for the Western Heritage Awards dinner on Saturday, April 13, 2024.

Beyond his on-screen achievements, Texas born, Oklahoma raised actor Linn is a passionate advocate for preserving and celebrating Western culture and will be a complimentary addition to an event honoring individuals who have made remarkable contributions to Western heritage through their creative endeavors in literature, music, television and film.

The star-studded awards dinner also serves as the induction ceremony for the National Cowboy Museum's Hall of Great Westerners and Hall of Great Western Performers, as well as the presentation of esteemed honors such as the Lifetime Achievement Award, Chester A. Reynolds Award – named after the Museum's founder – and the New Horizon Award, being presented for the very first time this year.

"It's an absolute pleasure to welcome Rex back to The Cowboy," said National Cowboy & Western Heritage Museum President & CEO, Pat Fitzgerald. "He has a very special connection to Oklahoma, the Museum and most importantly the West, which makes him the perfect choice for this year's awards."

Linn's acting career has been nothing short of prolific. Linn was most recently seen opposite Reba McEntire in the true-life inspired Lifetime original feature film, *The Hammer*, as well as ABC's hit series *Big Sky*. Linn can be seen in recurring roles on the critically acclaimed series *Better Call Saul*, CBS's hit sitcom *Young Sheldon*, and Nicole Kidman's Apple TV+ series *Roar*. Linn's additional key television credits include recurring roles on HBO's *The Brink*, Netflix's Golden Globe winner *The Kominksy Method*, FOX's hit series *Lethal Weapon* and a ten-year series regular role on *CSI: Miami*.

Linn's past film credits include many prestigious projects, such as Quentin Tarantino's *Django Unchained* and Ed Harris's *Appaloosa*. He is also known for the classic blockbusters *Cliffhanger*, *Clear and Present Danger*, *Tin Cup* and *Rush Hour*. Linn's comedy chops have also allowed him to work with renowned actors including Walter Matthau and Jack Lemmon in Neil Simon's *Odd Couple II*, Steve Martin in *Cheaper by the Dozen* and John Lithgow in 3rd Rock from the Sun.

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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 <u>nationalcowboymuseum.org</u>.