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National Cowboy & Western Heritage Museum Announces 2024 Western Heritage Awards Honorees

OKLAHOMA CITY, OK – The National Cowboy & Western Heritage Museum is excited to announce the individuals who will be honored for their exceptional creative works in Western literature, music, television and film. Honorees will be presented with a *Wrangler* award during the 63rd Western Heritage Awards dinner held at the National Cowboy & Western Heritage Museum on April 13, 2024.

The Museum will once again hold a Kick-Off Party on April 12 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 by The Kyle Dillingham Swing Project.

Tickets for the Friday Kick-Off Party are \$70 for Museum members and \$85 for general admission. Reservations will open March 1, 2024, at 8:00 a.m. CST. This event is expected to sell out quickly, and reservations will be processed in the order received. To be placed on the waitlist to attend the Western Heritage Awards Ceremony on Saturday, April 13, visit nationalcowboymuseum.org/westernheritage beginning March 1. For the latest Western Heritage Awards updates, visit nationalcowboymuseum.org.

Western Heritage Awards Honorees

LITERATURE

Nonfiction Book

The Rediscovery of America by Ned Blackhawk, published by Yale University Press

Photography Book

Bighorn Visions: The Photography of Jessamine Spear Johnson by Tempe Javitz, published by South Dakota Historical Society Press

Juvenile Book

Heartwood Mountain: The Adventures of Wilder Good #8 by S. J. Dahlstrom, published by Paul Dry Books

Magazine Article

The Geddes Murder Trial: Gender, Race, and Murder-for-Hire in Montana's Criminal Justice System by Shane Dunning, published by Montana Historical Society Press

Western Novel

The Ways of Water: A Novel by Teresa H. Janssen, published by She Writes Press

Poetry Book

The Best Material for the Artist in the World by Kenneth Chamlee, published by Stephen F. Austin State University Press

MUSIC**Original Western Composition**

“The Shelter of the Wildwood,” recording artist Riders in the Sky, composed by Douglas Green

Traditional Western Album

From The Saddle To Symphony Hall, recording artist Dave Alexander, composed by Dave Alexander

FILM & TELEVISION HONOREES**Western Lifestyle Program**

Today's Wild West: Episode 603 produced by Mark Bedor

Theatrical Motion Picture

Ride, starring C. Thomas Howell and Forrie J. Smith, directed and written by Jake Allyn

Documentary

Lakota Nation vs. United States, directed by Jesse Short Bull and Laura Tomaselli, produced by Benjamin Hedin and Phil Pinto

Fictional Drama

“Hózhó náhásdliǰ (Beauty is Restored),” *Dark Winds* S2, E6, directed by Chris Eyre, produced by John Wirth, Graham Roland, George R.R. Martin, Robert Redford, Tina Elmo, Vince Gerardis, Chris Eyre, Zahn McClarnon, Anne Hillerman and Jim Chory

Television Feature Film

The Warrant: Breaker's Law, directed by Brent Christy, produced by David Cerullo, Dale Ardizzone, Gary Wheeler and Neal McDonough

Hall of Great Westerners

Jack LeForce
Buster Welch (1928-2022)

Hall of Great Western Performers

Keith Carradine
Noah Beery Jr. (1913-1994)
John Smith (1931-1995)

Chester A. Reynolds Award

Don Reeves

Lifetime Achievement Award

Reba McEntire

New Horizon Award

Mo Brings Plenty

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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. Annual memberships are available beginning at just \$50. For more information, visit nationalcowboymuseum.org. For high-resolution images related to this release, visit nationalcowboymuseum.org/media.