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Traditional Cowboy Arts Association Exhibition & Sale Celebrates 26th Year at National Cowboy & Western Heritage Museum

Exhibition allows collectors to take part in preserving the legacy of traditional cowboy arts

(OKLAHOMA CITY, OK, August 25, 2025) – 15 master cowboy artists will exhibit more than 50 original works in Oklahoma City during the 26th annual *Traditional Cowboy Arts Association Exhibition & Sale*, presented by Mr. and Mrs. Kraig Kirschner.

The National Cowboy & Western Heritage Museum has proudly partnered with the Traditional Cowboy Arts Association (TCAA) since its founding to host this annual showcase. The exhibition highlights handcrafted, one-of-a-kind pieces representing the highest craftsmanship in saddle making, bit and spur making, silversmithing and rawhide braiding.

"Each Traditional Cowboy Arts Association member is a master of their discipline," said Scott Hardy, silversmith, TCAA past president and founding member. "Not only understanding purpose but the beauty of design and ornamentation. These working works of art not only give the owner pleasure, but also break the barrier between function and art."

The exhibition opens to the public Friday, September 12, 2025, and remains on view through October 12 at the Museum.

The TCAA Art Sale Weekend takes place September 26–27 and includes a variety of public and ticketed events.

Ticketed events begin with the TCAA Exclusive Preview Cocktail Reception on Friday, September 26 at 5:30 p.m.

On Saturday, September 27, the Art Sale kicks off at 5:30 p.m. with cocktails and ballot drop, followed by the fixed-price art draw at 6:30 p.m., and concluding with the TCAA Dinner at 7:30 p.m.

Free with Museum admission, the daytime seminars on Saturday, September 27 invite visitors to engage with the artists and their craft.

- "The Tradition of Craft" will explore how TCAA artists preserve and elevate the functionality and artistry of cowboy gear.
- "Ranch to Room: Bringing Western Craftsmanship Home," moderated by Western Art & Architecture magazine, features a panel of designers sharing how functional Western art enhances home design.

Buyers unable to attend the Art Sale in person may participate via proxy by contacting the Museum's development team at proxy@thecowboy.org.

All works will remain on display, and unsold pieces will remain available for purchase through October 12.

Tickets for the TCAA Exhibition and Art Sale Weekend are available at tcaa.nationalcowboymuseum.org or by contacting events@thecowboy.org.

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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 preserves and interprets the evolving history and cultures of the American West and shares that story with millions from all over the world. At its heart is an internationally renowned collection of Western art and artifacts, complemented by dynamic educational programs that celebrate the enduring legacy of the American West.

A recent RegionTrack economic impact study projects the Museum will contribute \$313 million to Oklahoma's economy through 2028 — including \$170 million in direct impact and \$143 million in ripple effects — affirming its role as both a cultural cornerstone and vital economic engine. For more information, visit nationalcowboymuseum.org.

About Traditional Cowboy Arts Association

Founded in 1998, the TCAA is dedicated to preserving and promoting the skills of saddle making, bit and spur making, silversmithing and rawhide braiding, and the role of these traditional crafts in the cowboy culture of the North American West. For more information, visit towboyarts.org.