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Winner of Banjo Contest to Perform at Booth Western Art Museum

CARTERSVILLE, GA – Banjo player Garrett Arb will perform at the Booth Western Art Museum on Thursday, July 20, at 7:00 p.m. Arb, 13, amazed audiences with his exceptional banjo playing at the 10th Annual Georgia Cowboy Poetry Gathering and walked away with first place in the Open Banjo Contest.

Arb began taking lessons at the age of 9, and quickly mastered the skills of playing. He has since performed at numerous festivals and venues, and with some of the top banjo players in the country including Raymond Fairchild, 5-time World Banjo Champion. Arb placed third in a banjo contest held by Fairchild in Maggie Valley, N.C., and performed on stage with the Fairchild at the Opry House in Maggie Valley earlier this year.

"Garrett [is] one of the most talented musicians for his age that [I have] encountered, and in about another year, he [will] be right up there with the best, if not the best in the business. Garrett could out pick most of the banjo players out there already,," said Fairchild of Arb's banjo playing ability.

Tickets for Arb's performance are \$5 for Booth Museum members and \$10 for not-yet-members. Prior to the concert the Booth café Café will be open for dinner from 5:00 to 7:00 p.m. Call 770-387-1300 or visit www.boothmuseum.org for more information.

About the Booth Western Art Museum:

The Booth Western Museum is an 80,000 square foot museum located in Cartersville, Georgia, where guests are invited to explore the American West through contemporary Western artwork. The Museum also features a Presidential Gallery, a Civil War art gallery, and Sagebrush Ranch – a children's interactive gallery - featuring hands-on art activities and areas for role-playing, storytelling and reading, all presented with a Western flair. Visitors to Booth Museum also enjoy the intimate downtown setting with unique specialty and antique shops, boutiques, and nationally featured restaurants, all within walking distance of the Museum. Open since August 2003, the Booth Museum is the only museum of its kind in the Southeast and is the second largest museum in the state of Georgia. For more information about the Booth Western Art Museum call 770-387-1300 or visit www.boothmuseum.org.

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