

Kenneth M. Freeman: *An Artist at Work*
World Premier Exhibition at the Booth Western Art Museum

Cartersville, Ga. – The Booth Western Art Museum is pleased to announce the world premier of the Kenneth M. Freeman Exhibition: *An Artist at Work*. The exhibition features more than 50 oil paintings and sculptures that feature working cowboys and cowgirls, rodeo heroes, Native American elders and children, mountain men, Western landscapes, and Buffalo Soldiers. Set to travel around the United States, the Booth Museum is pleased to premiere the show open now through May 2, 2010.

In addition to the paintings and sculptures, *An Artist at Work* also highlights a number of educational exhibits that include a re-creation of Ken Freeman's studio complete with easel and artifacts, a section on Ken Freeman, *the illustrator*, showcasing a display of book covers and posters including 'Fallon' by Louis L'Amour, and a special section on the Buffalo Soldiers.

Referred to as the Jewish Cowboy, Freeman was a graduate of the American Academy of Art in Chicago, having begun classes at the age of 15. He passed away in June of 2008 leaving a rich body of work unrivaled by many artists. Today, Freeman's paintings hang in museums, galleries and private collections around the world including The Library of Congress American Legacy Collection, The Booth Western Art Museum and the family of President Herbert Hoover.

According to Bonnie Adams, curator for the Kenneth M. Freeman Legacy exhibition, his subject matter was unique for a Jewish painter.

"Most Jewish artists are not figurative in their subject matter," Adams points out. "They paint abstracts and symbolism, but not usually realistic figures and portraits. Ken was a rare breed ... a special man and a special artist. He had *chutzpah* and the courage to live his dream."

Adams will present a lecture on Freeman's artistic career at a Members Only Reception on Saturday, January 16 at the Booth Western Art Museum.

For more information on the Kenneth M. Freeman Exhibition: *An Artist at Work*, call the Booth Museum at 770-387-1300 or visit www.boothmuseum.org.

Booth Western Art Museum

The Booth Western Art Museum is 120,000 square foot museum where guests are invited to explore the American West through contemporary Western artwork. The Museum also houses a Presidential Gallery, Civil War art gallery, and Sagebrush Ranch children's gallery. To learn more, visit www.boothmuseum.org.

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A re-creation of Kenneth M. Freeman's studio complete with easel and artifacts show the process Freeman used to create his artwork