

Booth Western Art Museum Expands Exhibition Space

Cartersville, Ga. – Georgia’s second largest art museum is growing. After two years of construction, the Booth Western Art Museum opens its new 40,000 square foot wing to the public on October 10, bringing the museum to 120,000 square feet. The new wing doubles the museum’s exhibition space and features the largest permanent exhibition of Western art in America.

The new wing features a gallery displaying a cross section of the stylistic changes witnessed in Western art over the past 50 years and a two-story sculpture court with both traditional and contemporary style sculpture. Artists represented include Native American icons as well as contemporary trendsetters. The sculpture court features large scale works by numerous artists. The focal point of the soaring space is the monumental bronze sculpture *Eagle Catcher* surrounded by a floating staircase.

The new wing also showcases approximately 200 Native American artifacts on loan from several major collectors. The display presents the objects as art and shows the influence the Native tradition of decorating utilitarian objects has on the work of many contemporary artists.

In addition to Western art galleries, the new wing boasts a 250 seat banquet hall for Museum events and an expanded Civil War art gallery. Visitor favorites like the Presidential gallery, showcasing original letters and portraits, and the children’s interactive galley, Sagebrush Ranch, remain unchanged.

Working with the assistance of several museums across the country, two galleries in the original building now explore of the first 100 years of Western art. Among the works on long term loan to the Booth are examples by Frederic Remington, Charles M. Russell, George Catlin, and many others.

This historic introduction to Western art provides the perfect jumping off point to explore the Booth’s permanent collection of art by living artists. Anchoring the galleries featuring traditional masters are multiple works by Howard Terpning, Mian Situ, Roy Andersen, Carrie Ballantyne, and many more.

For more information about visiting the Booth Western Art Museum, call 770-387-1300 or visit www.boothmuseum.org.

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The Booth Western Art Museum is a Smithsonian Affiliate and a member of the Museums West Consortium. In addition to its Western core collection, the Museum houses a Presidential Gallery, Civil War art gallery, and Sagebrush Ranch children’s gallery, allowing visitors to “See America’s Story.” To learn more, visit www.boothmuseum.org.

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