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THE HIGH DESERT MUSEUM ANNOUNCES A CALL TO ARTISTS

Submissions now accepted for *Art of the West* exhibition

Bend, OR--The High Desert Museum is now accepting entries for the 2017 *Art of the West* exhibition. *Art of the West* is a juried exhibition and silent auction which features fine art depictions of the spectacular High Desert region by contemporary artists. *Art of the West* complements the Museum's annual High Desert Rendezvous gala held later in the summer. "Last year's show included a wonderful array of artistic styles and media including watercolor, oil, pastel, photography and sculpture by a diverse group of artists," said Christina Cid, the Museum's program director.



The selected works will be on exhibit from July 29-August 26 in the Museum's Brooks Gallery. Members and guests may bid on pieces during this period or buy them outright. The artworks will be auctioned off at the silent auction during the High Desert Rendezvous on August 26.

"The beautiful artwork in this exhibition includes scenes or images of the High Desert which evoke a connection to the landscape," said the Museum's Executive Director Dana Whitelaw, Ph.D. The exhibition provides artists with an exceptional venue to showcase their work to a broad audience; over 29,000 visitors viewed the exhibition in 2016.

A portion of the proceeds from the auction helps support a wide range of school programs, wildlife encounters and cultural events for the community. The deadline for artist submissions is June 1 at 5:00 pm. A special opening reception for the exhibit and silent auction is Friday, July 28, from 6:00 pm-8:00 pm. The evening event provides an opportunity to meet with the artists and to observe artist demonstrations. Admission is free; RSVP at www.highdesertmuseum.org/rsvp.

Rules for entry and the submission form are available online at www.highdesertmuseum.org. For additional information, contact Bethany Lange, development associate, at 541-382-4754 ext. 365 or blange@highdesertmuseum.org. *Art of the West* is presented by Bank of the Cascades.

Be Still and Listen by Kim Randleas, People's Choice Award, *Art of the West* 2016

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