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## **11<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL SOUTHEASTERN COWBOY FESTIVAL & SYMPOSIUM SET FOR OCTOBER 24-27 AT BOOTH WESTERN ART MUSEUM**

*Members and guests are invited to celebrate the ways of the West*

CARTERSVILLE, GEORGIA – Booth Western Art Museum is excited to host the **11<sup>th</sup> Annual Southeastern Cowboy Festival & Symposium**, October 24-27, 2013. Thousands of participants are expected to visit the Festival & Symposium, which is packed with events such as gunfight re-enactments, Native American dances, an appearance by Featured Artist Theodore Waddell, concert by Featured Entertainer **John Anderson**, children's activities, and so much more. The four-day event will take place at Booth Western Art Museum in historic downtown Cartersville, Georgia.

The Festival & Symposium begins Thursday, October 24, at 9:00 am with the school program, **Passport to the West**. Exclusively for students, this program is designed to educate school children (grades 2-12) with demonstrations of pottery making, blacksmithing, chuck wagon cooking, and more. Living history performers Jim Sawgrass and Little Big Mountain will also give presentations on Native American culture. Admission to the school program is \$5 for students, \$3 for adults, and free for teachers. Educators interested in bringing their students to **Passport to the West** are urged to call 770-387-3849 to schedule their group.

New to the Festival, on Thursday, October 24, the Museum will host the **Featured Artist Golf Tournament** with Theodore Waddell at Woodland Hills Golf Club. This four-person team scramble is \$100 per person and includes 18 holes of golf, range balls, cart, box lunch, and soft drinks. Each team is guaranteed to play one hole with artist Theodore Waddell and Booth Museum Executive Director Seth Hopkins. Registration is set to begin at 9:00 am and a shotgun start is set for 10:00 am. Prizes will be awarded to the top three teams, longest drive, closest to the pin, and winner of the putting contest. Register today by calling 770-387-1300.

The Festival & Symposium opens to the public Thursday evening. Members and guests are invited to view two art exhibitions, **Today's West! Contemporary Art from the Buffalo Bill Center of the West** and **My West: The Art of Theodore Waddell**. A gallery walk with Waddell will begin at 4:30 pm. Light refreshments will be served in the Atrium from 5:30 pm to 7:00 pm. At 7:00 pm in the Booth Theatre, Theodore Waddell will discuss his artistic career and current exhibit at Booth Museum.

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On Friday, October 25 a series of art history lectures will be held in the Booth Theatre from 10:30 am to 4:00 pm. At 10:30 am the Honorable Senator Alan K. Simpson, Three Term Republican Senator from Wyoming, will present *Why I Love Western Art, The Booth and the Buffalo Bill Center of the West!!* At 11:30 am Michelle Anne Delaney, Director, Consortium for Understanding the American Experience, Smithsonian Institution, will present on *Advance Work: Art and Advertising in Buffalo Bill's Wild West*. At 2:00 pm Stephanie Heydt, Margaret and Terry Stent Curator of American Art, High Museum of Art will discuss the High's exhibit ***Go West! Art of the American Frontier from the Buffalo Bill Center of the West***. At 3:00 pm Mindy Besaw, John S. Bugas Curator, Whitney Western Art Museum, Buffalo Bill Center of the West will talk about ***Today's West! Contemporary Art from the Buffalo Bill Center of the West*** at Booth Museum.

The lectures will help introduce visitors to the special exhibition ***Today's West!*** Opening on October 24, 2013 and running through April 13, 2014, the exhibit is drawn from the collection of the world famous museum in Cody, Wyoming. ***Today's West!*** will immerse visitors in the artistic developments occurring in Western art over the past 50 years.

Saturday, October 26, will begin with the Good Neighbor Homeless Shelter 5k Run at 8:00 am. To register for the race, call 770-607-0610. At 10:00 am, the museum grounds will open with two stages of continuous entertainment, children's activities and a Western marketplace. The Kids Corner will include fun and free activities such as art projects, face painting, and calf roping. There will also be pony rides, petting zoo, and mechanical bull rides for a small charge. Marketplace vendors will be selling Western art and collectibles. Entertainment will include living history encampments, demonstrations of pioneer skills, Western music, traditional Native American dancing, fast draw competitions, a meet and greet with the Lone Ranger and Tonto, and re-enactments of the gunfight at the OK Corral.

Also on Saturday, Booth Western Art Museum is proud to welcome country-western superstar **John Anderson** as featured entertainer for the **11<sup>th</sup> Annual Southeastern Cowboy Festival & Symposium**. At 7:00 pm in the historic Grand Theatre, the Grammy Award winning Anderson will perform an intimate acoustic concert. Tickets are \$25 for members and \$30 for non-members. Seating in the Grand Theatre is limited, so seats should be reserved in advance. To purchase tickets, call 770-387-1300.

The final day of the Festival & Symposium, will open with Cowboy Church at 11:00 am on Sunday, October 27. Cowboy Church is a non-denominational service featuring cowboy prayers and Western

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spiritual music. The Cowboy Festival & Symposium will then continue with another full day of entertainment, children's activities and the Western marketplace from noon to 5:00 pm on the grounds.

For more details on the schedule of events, as well as pricing for all activities and events, visit [www.boothmuseum.org](http://www.boothmuseum.org) or call 770-387-1300.

### **About the Booth Western Art Museum**

Booth Western Art Museum, an Affiliate to the Smithsonian Institution, is a 120,000 square foot museum located in Cartersville, Georgia, 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, an interactive children's gallery. Open since August 2003, Booth Museum is the only museum of its kind in the Southeast and is the second largest art museum in the state of Georgia. To learn more about Booth Western Art Museum, visit [www.boothmuseum.org](http://www.boothmuseum.org).

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Festival goers can expect to see living history demonstrations, kids' activities, and so much more!

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Country-western superstar **John Anderson** will be in concert on Saturday, October 26 at the Grand Theatre in Cartersville.

A Flight from Destiny – Schenck: ©Bill Schenck, ***A Flight from Destiny***, 1994, oil on canvas, 47.375 x 62.375"

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