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MUSEUM SHOWCASES ROGER PARSONS AS ARTIST OF THE MONTH FOR AUGUST

The Museum of Western Art is pleased to showcase artist Roger Parsons as its Artist of the Month for August. A wine and cheese reception will be held on Thursday, August 17<sup>th</sup> at 5:30 p.m. Non-museum members are invited to attend with a suggested donation of \$10; museum members, of course, can attend the event at no charge. Please call 896.2553 to r.s.v.p.

Born in Indiana in 1957, Parsons graduated from the US Air Force Academy in 1979 with a degree in Civil Engineering. He received his Master's degree from Purdue in 1983. In 1999, he moved to San Antonio and has taken classes with numerous prominent artists.

"The primary influence on my work is Arturo Chavez, protégé of Wilson Hurley, noted for his large scale western landscapes," Parsons said. "My goal is to get the 'non-art' person to do a double-take – to stop for a longer look. If a viewer has an emotional response, or they feel like they are at the location depicted – that would be success."

The award-winning Museum of Western Art is open Tuesday through Saturday from 10:00 a.m. until 4:00 p.m. The Museum is located at 1550 Bandera Highway. For more information, please call 830.896.2553 or visit the website at [www.museumofwesternart.com](http://www.museumofwesternart.com).