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## DANNY STEPHENS IS ARTIST OF THE MONTH AT MUSEUM OF WESTERN ART

The Museum of Western Art is showcasing artist Danny Stephens as the November Artist of the Month. A wine and cheese reception will be held on Thursday, November 15, 2018, at 5:30 p.m. Non-museum members are invited to attend with a suggested donation of \$10, and museum members attend at no charge. Please call 896.2553 to r.s.v.p. Danny's work will be on view from November 6 through November 30.

Danny, a native Texan, began training horses for the public at age 13. After graduating from Sam Houston State University with a degree in Agricultural Education, Danny chose to train horses rather than children. Today, at age 65, he still actively trains roping horses. It was through his day to day interactions with horses that Danny developed such a keen eye for equine anatomy. In 1977, while competing at the World Championship Quarter Horse Finals in Oklahoma City, Danny began his journey into the world of contemporary western bronzes. After harshly criticizing the work of others, Danny's wife Jimmie finally dared him to do better, going so far as to provide him with the clay so that he could either "put up or shut up!" Danny cast his first bronze in 1978 and has been active since. Each piece he creates belongs to a limited edition series of only ten pieces.

The award-winning Museum of Western Art is located at 1550 Bandera Highway. Hours are 10 a.m. until 4 p.m. Tuesday through Saturday. For more information, please call 830.896.2553 or visit <a href="https://www.museumofwesternart.com">www.museumofwesternart.com</a>.