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### Coors Western Art Exhibit & Sale names Karmel Timmons featured artist

DENVER – The 16th annual Coors Western Art Exhibit & Sale announces the featured artist for the 2008 exhibition, Karmel Timmons of Elbert, Colo. One of her original pieces will be purchased for the National Western Stock Show's permanent collection and a collectors' poster of that piece will be for sale during the exhibit, which runs Jan. 12-27, 2008.

Since early childhood, pencil artist Karmel Timmons has loved to draw. When she moved to Colorado, she was inspired by the beautiful landscapes and horses on the surrounding ranches near her home. Combining her ability to capture detail, texture and mood in pencil with her admiration for her equine subjects resulted in a career as a professional artist. Timmons has exhibited her work at the Buffalo Bill Western Art Show, Cody, Wyo., where she was co-winner of the People's Choice Award in 2004; Peppertree Art Show, Santa Ynez, Calif.; Phippen Museum Art Show, Prescott, Ariz.; and the American Academy of Equine Art, Lexington, Ky. In 2005, 2006, and 2007 she was People's Choice at the Coors Western Art Exhibit & Sale. Her work has been published in *Southwest Art*, *Western Horseman*, *Eclectic Horseman* and *Horses in Art*.

Considered one of the best western art exhibits in the nation, the Coors Western Art Exhibit & Sale opens with the Red Carpet Reception on Jan. 8, 2008, from 5:30-9 p.m. Tickets are \$125 per person prior to Dec. 15, 2007, and \$150 after Dec. 15. The reception includes a strolling western dinner, live music and a signed poster by the featured artist.

The Exhibit runs concurrent with the 2008 National Western Stock Show. Located on the third floor of the National Western Expo Hall, the show presents more than 200 works from 52 artists known for the quality of their work and their portrayal of the West.

Featuring artwork in such mediums as oil, pastel, watercolor, pencil, etching, photography and bronze; and styles, ranging from traditional to contemporary, the Coors Western Art Exhibit & Sale strives to give viewers a diverse offering of images showcasing the many dimensions of western life. And, we are proud to announce new artists to the Coors Western Art Exhibit whose work will be displayed in 2008: figurative painter Jeffery Watts, landscape painter Stock Schlueter, contemporary sculptor Brad Rude, still life painters Roseta Santiago and Lisa Danielle, western oil painter Joyce Lee,

colorist and rodeo painter Sophy Brown, ranching scenes artist Don Coen, and wildlife sculptor George Bumann, and returning artists George Carlson and Ray Knaub.

Proceeds from the Coors Western Art Exhibit & Sale benefit the National Western Scholarship Trust, which awards 74 scholarships to students studying agribusiness and rural family medicine at Colorado and Wyoming colleges.

This year, the Coors Western Art Exhibit & Sale is partnering with the Denver Art Museum to produce WinterWest: Denver's Premier Western Art Celebration. Running Jan. 5-8, the celebration includes the Denver Art Museum's all-day lecture series "Heart of the West: New Art/New Thinking" on Jan. 5, studio tours of prominent Denver artists on Jan. 6, the Coors Western Art Lectures on Jan. 7, a tour of the Denver Art Museum with curator Ann Daley and the Coors Western Art Red Carpet Reception on Jan. 8.

Photos and slides are available upon request. For more information, call the National Western Stock Show office at 303-299-5561 or visit [www.nationalwestern.com](http://www.nationalwestern.com).



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### **National Western hosts DNC official mascot contest**

DENVER – The National Western Stock Show hosts the official mascot contest for the 2008 Democratic National Convention. The contest will take place during the National Western Draft Horse and Mule Show Jan. 26 at 7 p.m. in the National Western Events Center.

The contest is open to youths under the age of 18 and their donkeys that are entered in other portions of the National Western Mule & Donkey Show. Judging will be conducted by a special celebrity selection panel. The winner of the contest will serve as the official mascot for the 2008 Democratic National Convention to be held in Denver next August.

For ticket and scheduling information, please call toll-free 1-888-551-5004 or visit our website at *NationalWestern.com*.

The 2008 National Western Stock Show runs Jan. 12-27, and offers the world's largest horse show, fifth largest professional rodeo and the "Super Bowl" of cattle shows. The National Western also features the world's only carload and pen cattle show in the historic Denver Union Stockyards, the Coors Western Art Exhibition and Sale and Children's Ranchland. The National Western hosts nearly 20 breeds of cattle, horse show classes, bison, yak, sheep, swine, goats, llamas, stock dogs, poultry and rabbits.





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### **Nolan Ryan named parade Grand Marshal**

DENVER – Hall-of-Fame pitcher Nolan Ryan serves as Grand Marshal of the 2008 Downtown Denver Stock Show Parade Jan. 15 at 12 noon.

And, the National Western Stock Show brings the click of hooves and creak of wagon wheels down 17th Street nearly a century after Longhorn cattle were common place on Market and Larimer Streets. Direct descendants of these bovines lead this year's parade.

The parade starts at Union Station and marches 15 blocks down 17th Street. The National Western's downtown kick-off event, the parade offers an exciting opportunity to experience a sampling of Stock Show activities and events, including bands, floats and performing cowgirls and cowboys.

Don't miss out on the Stock Show Barbecue held in conjunction with the Downtown Parade. Beginning at 11:30 a.m. in the atrium of the Wells Fargo Building at 17th Street & Broadway, visitors can listen to western music and catch a VIP western fashion show, all while eating some of the West's best barbecue. The Barbecue is open to the public and benefits the 4-H International Youth group; meal tickets are \$8.

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### **National Western awards 74 scholarships**

DENVER – The National Western Scholarship Trust awarded 74 scholarships for the 2007-08 school year. The grants range from \$2,500 to \$7,000, and are presented to students who study agriculture and practice medicine in rural areas at colleges and universities in Colorado and Wyoming.

New recipients for 2007-08 are:

**Adams State College** – Ashley Hawhee, Pleasant Grove, Calif.; Alonzo Lobato, San Luis, Colo.; Matt Martinez, Alamosa, Colo.; Johanna Steffens, Monte Vista, Colo.

**Casper College** – Kaylee Kerbs, Saratoga, Wyo.; Erin Marvin, Fort Lupton, Colo.; Josh Zuck, Oelwein, Iowa

**Colorado Northwestern Community College** – Dixie Poley, Meeker, Colo.; Kim Welder, Craig, Colo.

**Colorado State University** – Cooper Anderson, Eaton, Colo.; Michael Daskam, Holly, Colo.; Tessa Faulkner, Gooding, Idaho; Sandra Gruber, Clayton, Ohio; Lisa Kish, Henderson, Nev.; Samantha Knight, Granby, Colo.; Elizabeth Konkel, Kersey, Colo.; Elizabeth Maybach, Lakeville, Minn.; Ryan Murphy, Bonnyville, Alberta; Spencer Prosser, Winslow, Ariz.

**Lamar Community College** – Chris Jones, Bennett, Colo.; Chance Threet, Florence, Colo.

**Laramie County Community College** – Brogan Clay, Laramie, Wyo.; Lindsay Freeman, Cheyenne, Wyo.; Jaymes Talbott, Laramie, Wyo.

**Northeastern Junior College** – Brittany Creamer, Montrose, Colo.; Jordan McHenry, Castle Rock, Colo.; Todd Ostermiller, Berthoud, Wyo.

**University of Colorado Medical School** – Kelly Downey-McMillin, Gillette, Wyo.; Mathew Harris, Selma, Ind.; Laura Holder, Crested Butte, Colo.

**University of Wyoming** – Amy Berry, Cheyenne, Wyo.; Katherine Kessler, Lander, Wyo.; Laura Meadows, Wilson, Wyo.; Julie Saur, Gillette, Wyo.; Jerrod Smith, Cheyenne, Wyo.

**University of Northern Colorado – Greeley** – M. Shane Ryan, Chugiak, Ak.; Krista Soehner, Wray, Colo.



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Coors Western Art Exhibit and Denver Art Museum collaborate for WinterWest

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Mark these dates on your calendar for the WinterWest celebration:

**January 5**

- “Heart of the West: New Art/New Thinking,” Symposium and lunch, Denver Art Museum. Lectures by Emily Neff, curator of American art, Museum of Fine Arts, Houston; B. Byron Price, director of the Russell Center, University of Oklahoma; James K. Ballinger, director, Phoenix Art Museum; and Gordon McConnell, painter and past curator of the Yellowstone Art Museum, Billings, Mont.

**January 6**

- Studio and gallery self-guided tours - map will be available at [www.nationalwestern.com/nwss/specialevents/coors.asp](http://www.nationalwestern.com/nwss/specialevents/coors.asp)

**January 7**

- Coors Western Art Lectures, National Western Expo Hall Level 3, 2 p.m. – 4 p.m. Speakers include artist Len Chmiel, “Drawing a Straight Line for Collectors,” and Gerald Peters, owner of Gerald Peters Galleries, “Connoisseurship and the Western Art Market.”
- Coors Western Art Exhibit & Sale Blue Jean Preview, National Western Expo Hall Level 3, 5 p.m. – 8 p.m. By invitation only.

**January 8**

- Tour the Dietler Galleries of Western American Art and the George Carlson exhibition at the Denver Art Museum with Peter H. Hassrick and Ann S. Daley., followed by brunch and tour of a private western art collection.
- Coors Western Art Exhibit & Sale Red Carpet Reception, National Western Expo Hall Level 3, 5:30 p.m. – 9 p.m.

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