

Scottsdale's Museum of the West Debuts The Art of Our Photography Exhibition

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Western Spirit: Scottsdale's Museum of the West will debut a new exhibition titled The Art of Our Photography this Friday. The exhibition features the work of 10 artists selected by Arizona Highways. Each artist was given access to the magazine's extensive photo archive and asked to select one of the thousands of photographs published in Arizona Highways since 1925, set up an easel and — taking inspiration from that image — paint their own distinctive interpretation of the photo. The exhibition will run through January 16, 2022.

The 10 talented artists are William Ahrendt, Amery Bohling, Naomi Brown, Michelle Condrat, Linda Glover Gooch, Tamara Hastie, Dyana Hesson, Kevin Kibsey, Marcia Molnar and Frank Ybarra.

"The Art of Our Photography is a natural evolution in the symbiotic relationship between the mission of Western Spirit: Scottsdale's Museum of the West and that of Arizona Highways," says James Burns, executive director of Western Spirit. "Through two equal fine art mediums — photography and painting — some of the most iconic landscapes and peoples of Arizona are encapsulated for viewers."

"In addition to the beautiful artwork, there's a feel-good component to this project," says Robert Stieve, editor of Arizona Highways. "I asked each of the artists to donate at least half of the sale price of their paintings to a charity of their choice. There was no hesitation. These are remarkable men and women, and I'm grateful for their benevolence."