

## **40th Annual Buffalo Bill Art Show & Sale**

Cody, Wyoming – More than \$1,178,000.00 worth of art was sold when the gavel dropped on the last artwork during the 40th<sup>th</sup> annual Buffalo Bill Art Show & Sale—bringing an end to another successful series of events. While our 2021 season looked different, The Buffalo Bill Art Show & Sale was extremely grateful to be back in the tent and back in person.

The Buffalo Bill Art Show & Sale benefits the Cody Country Chamber of Commerce and the prestigious Buffalo Bill Center of the West. This event was held in conjunction with By Western Hands’ exhibit for Western Functional Art during our annual weeklong celebration of the arts known as Rendezvous Royale which takes place in beautiful Cody, Wyoming each September. Rendezvous Royale has tremendous value to the Chamber, the Buffalo Bill Center of the West and to the community. It is without a doubt the most successful shoulder season event bringing hundreds of people to Cody each year.

The art show, produced by the Cody Country Chamber of Commerce, generated more than \$1.5 million in gross revenue. While in person attendance was limited, hundreds of patrons, artists, and community members were able to enjoy a variety of art related events throughout the week culminating with our annual Quick Draw on Saturday morning.

The Live Auction’s highest selling work went to Tucker Smith for his iconic mountain sheep entitled “Glacier Carved” which sold for \$65,000. Pieces were sold online with the LiveAuctioneers platform, through phone bidding and in-person bidding at the 15,000 square foot tent.

CEO, Tina Hoebelheinrich offered the highest praise to the team at the Chamber and our partners at the Center of the West. “We truly could not have pulled this off if not for the tenacity and dedication of the best art show director in the West, Kathy Thompson, the volunteers who came from Nevada, Utah and Washington to participate as well as the loyal volunteers from Cody who show up year after year. Workforce became an issue for our tent and food vendors, so a tremendous thank you to the Facilities Team at the Center of the West who never rested and helped us overcome every challenge.”

The Buffalo Bill Art Show & Sale is a fine art sale with a contemporary Western theme, offering works relating to the land, people and wildlife of the American West. Artists offer a broad range of stylistic interpretations of the West, in oil painting, watercolor, pastel, sculpture, ceramic and mixed media. All works are original art. Check out [rendezvousroyale.org](http://rendezvousroyale.org) for available works.

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