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“Rodeo! The Exhibition”

“Rodeo! The Exhibition” opens today at the Bullock Texas State History Museum and features art by local Austin TX artist Cathy Munson. The painting titled “Rodeo Roustabout” depicts an American West hero, the rodeo clown and his trusty cow dog. The particular clown is “Slim Garner” a well-known rodeo star in Arizona and other western states. This watercolor and gouache painting was honored with a second place ribbon in the overall watercolor category at the 2014 Phippen Museum Memorial Day weekend show in Prescott, AZ.

Cathy Munson is an Austin, Texas native and an honors graduate in Studio Art from the University of Texas. After graduation Munson worked for several years as an illustrator for Texas Parks and Wildlife. It was there she began to develop her intricately detailed watercolor technique and love of painting wildlife. The artist is widely recognized for her commissioned artwork with The University of Texas Athletics and Texas Exes Alumni with her paintings of longhorns over the last several decades. Munson’s life size mural of a herd of longhorns hangs in the Mike A. Myers Track and Soccer Stadium at the University of Texas. Many of her UT Longhorn mascot portraits dating from Bevo IX through the new Bevo XV are on display in the Silver Spurs Museum located in the Darrell K Royal Football Stadium on the UT Campus.

In 2015 a Munson painting was selected as the image for Texas Governor Greg Abbott’s first Christmas card while in office. The personalized watercolor painting depicted the Abbott’s beloved pet dogs in a festive and meaningful setting.

Over the years Cathy has gained national recognition participating in numerous competitions and exhibitions. Her works can be found in private collections and galleries.

Cathy Munson’s “Rodeo Roustabout” painting will be on loan to the Bullock Texas State History Museum courtesy of the Gregg and Michelle Phillipson Collection and Archive from May 12, 2018 through January 27, 2019.

The exhibit is open to the public during museum hours. It is appropriate for all ages. For more information about the Rodeo exhibit visit www.thestoryoftexas.com.

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