

Don't Miss Your Last Chance to Travel Back to the Western Frontier

Calgary, AB (October 7, 2004) – Glenbow Museum visitors have until Thanksgiving Monday to rediscover the legendary tales and maverick personalities of the Canadian West through the eyes of two great western artists, Charles M. Russell and Frederic Remington. Glenbow Museum's successful summer exhibition, *Capturing Western Legends: Russell and Remington's Canadian Frontier*, which opened on June 19, is only open until 5:00 p.m. on Monday, October 11, 2004.

Following the closing in Calgary, this Glenbow-produced exhibition will travel to two American museums. The Speed Museum in Louisville, Kentucky will host the show in February 2005, and then it will travel to the Panhandle Plains Historical Museum in Canyon, Texas next summer.

For the first time ever, *Capturing Western Legends* brings together the art and stories of the Canadian western frontier in a remarkable major exhibition featuring the works of Charles Russell (1864-1926) and Frederic Remington (1861-1909). Both Russell and Remington created legendary images that continue to define the 'Old West' today. These two artists captured a moment in time and period of transition with the western frontier. Museum visitors can explore the era of the North-West frontier when the Blackfoot people roamed the landscape; the fur trade was a dominant industry; and when the ranching industry straddled the borders between Alberta and Montana.

Capturing Western Legends consistently exceeded projected attendance throughout the run of the show, with final attendance statistics expected to end approximately 10% higher than anticipated. Glenbow Museum partnered with several community partners throughout the exhibition run including the Calgary Stampede and the Calgary Folk Music Festival.

Closing weekend events include our popular *Family Fun Weekends*, *Face to Face with History: Meet Charlie Russell*, and *Discovery Room* activities.

One of the most popular components of the show was Glenbow Museum's character actor featured in *Face to Face with History: Meet Charlie Russell*. Museum visitors only have a few more days to meet the late "Cowboy Artist" and get a unique behind-the-canvas perspective of this legendary artist in this 30 minute performance. *Face to Face with History* runs on Saturday, October 9 and Monday, October 11 at 12:30 and 2:00 p.m. (Please note Charlie Russell will not be offered on Sunday, October 10.)

On Saturday, October 9 and Sunday, October 10, from 1:00 – 4:00 p.m., children ages 4 and up can discover how tales were told with magic lantern shows in the old west in our *Family Fun Weekends* program. Young museum visitors and their parents, can then create their own magic lanterns in our 4th floor workspace to tell their own cowboy adventure story.

Until Monday, October 11, activities in the *Discovery Room* focus on *Capturing Western Legends*. Visitors can dress up in cowboy gear and put themselves in front of a western backdrop to create their own western style photo portrait; sculpt their own plasticine cowboys, horses, and more; or designing a postcard to send to friends and family. The *Discovery Room* has activities for all ages and interests.

Family Fun Weekends, *Face to Face with History: Meet Charlie Russell* and *Discovery Room* activities are all included with museum admission.

Glenbow Museum is open every day from 9:00 to 5:00 p.m., and until 9:00 p.m. on Thursdays. Call 403-268-4100 for 24-hour information including admission prices, programs, and parking details.

Glenbow Museum is Western Canada's largest museum. Through a variety of dynamic and changing exhibitions and programs along with a broad collection of artifacts, art, and historical documents, Glenbow Museum builds on a commitment to preserve western heritage while simultaneously provides visitors with a glimpse of the world beyond.

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