

# GORDON MCCONNELL

Born in La Junta, CO, 1950  
Lives in Billings, MT

## EDUCATION

- 1979 University of Colorado, Boulder, Master of Arts in Art History
- 1973 California Institute of the Arts, Valencia, post-graduate study, MFA program
- 1972 Baylor University, Waco, Texas, Bachelor of Arts in Studio Art, cum laude, Honors Program graduate "With Distinction," Co-recipient Outstanding Art Student Award

## AWARDS

- 2006 Artist of the Year Award, Yellowstone Art Museum, Billings, MT
- 2003 Studio Residency, Ucross Foundation, Clearmont, WY
- 2001 Studio Residency, Ucross Foundation, Clearmont, WY
- 2000 Studio Residency, Ucross Foundation, Clearmont, WY
- 1992 Individual Artist Fellowship, Montana Arts Council

## SELECTED SOLO EXHIBITIONS

- 2015 Ride, Boldly Ride: Paintings by Gordon McConnell, University of Wyoming Art Museum, Laramie, Wyoming
- 2014 Gordon McConnell's Wild Wild West, Carbon County Arts Guild, Red Lodge, MT  
The Big Read. Yellowstone County Museum, Billings, MT.  
The YMCA Writer's Voice and the National Endowment for the Arts present the work of artist Gordon McConnell in association with The Big Read True Grit celebration. Interview with Rebecca Gross.
- 2013 West of Everything: New & Selected Paintings, Churchill Arts Council, Fallon, NV
- 2012 Wild Riders, Charles M. Bair Family Museum, Martinsdale, MT  
Staged Relics, Paris Gibson Square Museum of Art, Great Falls, MT
- 2010 Spaghetti Western/Gordon McConnell, EVOKE Contemporary, Santa Fe, NM
- 2009 The Kiva Presents: Gordon McConnell, Koshare Indian Museum, La Junta, CO  
Good Earth Market, Billings, MT

- 2008 Once Upon a Time in the West: Paintings by Gordon McConnell, Ucross Foundation Art Gallery, Clearmont, WY
- 2007 Toucan Gallery, Billings, MT
- 2005 Gordon McConnell: Paintings, Yellowstone Art Museum, MT
- 2004 Recent Paintings by Gordon McConnell, g2 Gallery, Scottsdale, Arizona Gordon 2004 McConnell: Recent Paintings, Botanica Fine Arts, Bozeman, MT (& 1998, 2001)
- 2003 The Kiva Presents: Gordon McConnell, Koshare Indian Museum, La Junta, CO
- 2001 Westering: Watercolors by Gordon McConnell, The Dana Gallery, Missoula, MT  
Gordon McConnell: Recent Paintings, Botanica Fine Arts, Bozeman, MT
- 2000 West of the Screen: Small Paintings by Gordon McConnell, Toucan Gallery, Billings, MT  
Gordon McConnell, Peterson Hall Gallery, Scottsdale, AZ
- 1999 Phantom Empire: The West of the Western, Paintings by Gordon McConnell, Nicolaysen Art Museum, Casper, WY
- 1998 Gordon McConnell: Recent Paintings, Botanica Fine Arts, Bozeman, MT

#### SELECTED JOINT EXHIBITIONS

- 2015 My Montana (with Jerry Iverson), Stremmel Gallery, Reno, NV
- 2010 Teresa Elliott + Gordon McConnell / Two Contemporary Views of the West, EVOKE Contemporary, Santa Fe, NM
- 2008 Joint Exhibition with Duke Beardsley, Mountain Trails Gallery, Jackson, WY
- 2008 Joint Exhibition with Randy Horst, Jailhouse Gallery, Hardin, MT
- 2007 Joint Exhibition with Thomas Carlson, g2 Gallery, Scottsdale, AZ
- 2003 Joint Exhibition with Bale Creek Allen, Sala Diaz, San Antonio, TX
- 2001 Out West—Adam Jahiel, Photographs; Gordon McConnell, Paintings, Ucross Foundation Art Gallery, Clearmont, WY
- 2001 [B]old New West—Charles Ringer and Gordon McConnell, Toucan Gallery, Billings, MT

#### SELECTED GROUP EXHIBITIONS

- 2014 The New West: Contemporary Perspectives of the Rocky Mountain Region, McNichols Civic Center Building, Denver, CO
- 2012 Wings of Man: The Art of the Horse, Holter Museum of Art, Helena, MT  
Best of the West featuring Gordon McConnell Paintings, Broschofsky Galleries, Ketchum, ID
- 2011 Icons of the West, Dana Gallery, Missoula, MT  
Masters in Miniature Invitational Show, Trailside Galleries, Jackson, WY
- 2010 MIXX IV, Babcock Theater, Billings, MT  
10th Anniversary Show, TURMAN LARISON contemporary, Helena, MT
- 2009 Seven Perspectives, Stremmel Gallery, Reno, NV  
Whitney Gallery of Western Art, Buffalo Bill Historical Center, Cody, WY  
Bighorn Galleries, Cody, WY  
Montana Triennial, Missoula Art Museum, Missoula, MT
- 2008 Visions West Gallery, Denver, CO  
Western Art Roundup, Custer County Art and Heritage Center, Miles City, MT  
MIXX III, Ryniker Gallery, Rocky Mountain College, Billings, MT

- 2007 Leading the West, Mountain Trails Gallery, Jackson, WY  
 Introductions II, Stremmel Gallery, Reno, NV  
 Western Art Roundup, Custer County Art and Heritage Center, Miles City, MT  
 Big Names, Small Works, Toucan Gallery, Billings, MT  
 Range of Expression II: Montana Invitational, Ucross Foundation, Clearmont, WY  
 The Wild Bunch, The Arts Center, St. Petersburg, FL  
 Out West: The Great American Landscape, Meridian International Center,  
 Washington, D.C.  
 Exhibition traveling to the National Art Gallery, Beijing, and other museums in the People's  
 Republic of China through 2007.  
 MIXX, Grafix Studio, Billings, MT  
 MIXX II, Grafix Studio, Billings, MT  
 Looking West, Belger Arts Center, Kansas City, MO
- 2004 American Visions: The Contemporary West, Mountain Trails Gallery, Jackson, WY
- 2003 Out of the Bullpen: Baseball in Contemporary Art, Art Museum of Missoula, Missoula, MT
- 2002 Inaugural Exhibit, National Cowgirl Museum and Hall of Fame, Fort Worth, TX  
 Series, Gallery of Contemporary Art, Colorado Springs, CO  
 & University of New Hampshire, Durham  
 New Art of the West 8, Eiteljorg Museum of American Indians and Western Art, Indianapolis,  
 IN  
 Drawn 2, Barry Whistler Gallery, Dallas, TX
- 2000 The Non-romantic West: Bill Stockton, Patrick Zentz and Gordon McConnell, Beall Park Art  
 Center, Bozeman, MT  
 Contemporary Montana Painters, Museum of the Rockies, Bozeman, MT
- 1999 Art Equinox 1999: A Regional Survey of Contemporary Art, Paris Gibson Square Museum of  
 Art, Great Falls, MT
- 1995 The Contemporary West, Big Horn Galleries, Carmel, CA
- 1992 Crazy About Cowboys, Artworks Gallery, Seattle, WA  
 Way Out West: Gordon McConnell, Walter Piehl, Larry Pirnie, Bob Seabeck, Big Horn Gallery,  
 Cody, WY  
 New Art of the West 8, Eiteljorg Museum of American Indians and Western Art, Indianapolis,  
 IN  
 Art Equinox 1992: A Regional Survey of Contemporary Art, Paris Gibson Square Museum of  
 Art, Great Falls, MT
- 1991 Electrum XX, National Juried Exhibition, Holter Museum of Art, Helena, MT,  
 Best of Show Award  
 Art Equinox 1991: A Regional Survey of Contemporary Art, Paris Gibson Square Museum of  
 Art, Great Falls, MT
- 1988 Electrum XVII, National Juried Exhibition, Holter Museum of Art, Helena, MT, Juror's Award

## **PUBLIC COLLECTIONS**

Missoula Art Museum, Missoula, MT

Custer County Art and Heritage Center, Miles City, MT

Whitney Gallery of Western Art, Buffalo Bill Historical Center, Cody, WY

Nicolaysen Art Museum, Casper, WY

United States General Services Administration, Battin Federal Courthouse, Billings, MT

Yellowstone Art Museum, Billings, MT

## **CORPORATE COLLECTIONS**

Billings Clinic, Billings, MT

Central Montana Surgical Hospital, Great Falls, MT

El Chorro Lodge, Paradise Valley, AZ

DCI Group, Washington, D.C.

Federal Reserve Bank, Helena, MT

Federal Reserve Bank, Saint Paul, MN

Forbes Trinchera Ranch, Fort Garland, CO

St. Vincent Healthcare, Billings, MT

Switchback Ranch, LLC, Cody, WY

Walkers American Grill and Tapas Bar, Billings, MT