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KENT PENDLETON: SCALE
OPENS AT THE LOVELAND MUSEUM/GALLERY APRIL 9

Kent Pendleton: Scale, an exhibit of paintings by the well-known museum mural painter, opens at the Loveland Museum/Gallery on Friday, April 9 and will be on display through July 3, 2010. An opening reception will take place on Friday, April 9 between 6 and 8 p.m. and the artist will discuss his work at 5 p.m.

Kent Pendleton: Scale represents a painting style that has evolved into what Pendleton refers to as “Stylized Realism – an attempt to interpret the landscape more simply and abstractly, emphasizing color and design rather than a literal recording of the scene.”

In addition to the opening of the *Scale* exhibit, Pendleton’s stunning mural, surrounding Mariano Medina’s cabin, which has been partially reconstructed in the Museum, will be officially unveiled. The mural portrays Medina’s property as it might have looked when he and his family occupied the site on the banks of the Big Thompson River west of Loveland between 1858 and the 1870s. Medina is said to be the first permanent occupant of the Big Thompson Valley.

Pendleton has long been celebrated as a museum muralist, and has completed several for the Loveland Museum/Gallery. For many years he worked at the Denver Museum of Natural History painting background scenes for the large diorama exhibits. He also painted murals in New Mexico and South Carolina. In 1989 he returned to the Denver Museum of Natural History (now Nature and Science) to manage the renovation of the Museum’s diorama exhibits, and painted murals for the Prehistoric Journey exhibit. His work took him to many countries around the world as a museum consultant and on field collecting expeditions.

Since 1945, he has been self-employed, created murals and paintings in his Denver studio for museums, zoos, nature centers, and corporate and private collections. His clients have included the National Geographical Society, Walt Disney Corporation, Saturn Corporation, Pentax Corporation, Denver Art Museum, Denver Zoo, Loveland Museum/Gallery, and the Colorado Division of

Wildlife. His work has been exhibited at the National Collection of Fine Arts in Washington, D.C., National Geographical Society, Leigh Yawkey Woodson Art Museum, Academy of Natural Sciences in Philadelphia, Colorado Governor's Invitational Art Show, and in many other museum and art exhibits.

The Loveland Museum/Gallery is open Tuesday, Wednesday, and Friday 10:00 am - 5:00 pm; Thursdays 10:00 am - 9:00 pm; Saturdays 10:00 am - 4:00 pm; Sundays 12:00 pm - 4:00 pm; Closed Mondays. For more information, please call the Loveland Museum/Gallery at 970-962-2410. The Loveland Museum/Gallery is located at the corner of 5th and Lincoln. www.cityofloveland.org

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