

## KEN ROWE, BRONZE SCULPTOR

### BIOGRAPHY

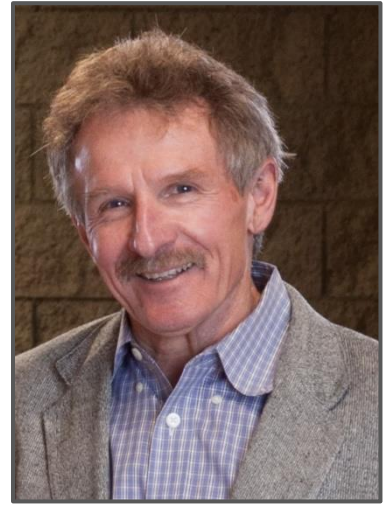
Born in Arizona, Ken Rowe's life seems to have been shaped and forged by the rugged beauty, culture, and history of his native land.

Influenced by drawing and painting with his mother, along with his love of the outdoors, Ken's first introduction to wildlife art was in the field of taxidermy.

For fourteen years, he and his wife, Monica, owned and operated a successful taxidermy studio, during which time, Ken submerged himself in a profession that demanded an intense study of anatomy and wildlife physiology. Ken believes this in-depth knowledge is an extremely important quality to possess as a wildlife artist.

In 1987, Ken expanded his talents into the creation of bronze sculpture and has been a full-time sculptor for more than thirty-six years. He has become known for his anatomy, composition and, most importantly, the expressive life one can see in his pieces. Close to forty years, the scale of his work has ranged from small maquettes to life-size monuments. When viewing Ken's bronzes, one can readily see the history of his life and the reverence he has for animals.

Ken has resided in Sedona with his wife, Monica, since December 1995.



### ARTIST STATEMENT

"An artist's goal is to communicate – without the use of words – a reverence for his subject matter. An inspired artist tells a story that profoundly touches the viewer's soul."

"To me, art is much more than finite detail. It is accuracy of the subject, story lines, and the culmination of strength, texture, and balance. In the visual sense, when one views my art, he or she should be able to feel the rugged beauty of the southwest and the vitality and diversity of its people." ~ Ken Rowe



*Ken sculpting the Lifesize version of the "Vantage Point"(left) - "Vantage Point" Life-size, Bronze Sculpture (center) - Ken with the model for "Vantage Point" Life-size (right)*

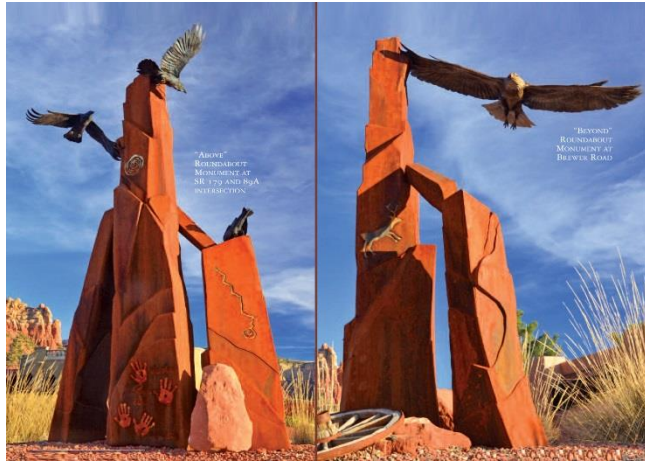
## AWARDS & RECOGNITION

- \* Art of the West Magazine / Feature Article – May/June 2023 Issue
- \* Phippen Museum – 20<sup>th</sup> Annual Miniature Masterpiece Show & Sale 2023 – Prescott, AZ – “Sugar Buzz”
- \* Sedona Arts Center – 42<sup>nd</sup> Annual Juried Members Exhibition & Sale – 2023 – Sedona, AZ – “Sugar Buzz”
- \* Fox 10 Arizona Morning Live Shot and Interviews at Rowe Fine Art Gallery, Sedona, AZ
- \* Southwest Art Magazine – “Desert Blossom” – November 2022 Issue
- \* Mountain Oyster Club – 53<sup>rd</sup> Annual Mountain Oyster Contemporary Western Art Show & Sale, Invitational Show – 2022 – Tucson, AZ – “Desert Blossom,” “Sugar Buzz,” and “Bison Field Study”
- \* Phippen Museum – 19<sup>th</sup> Annual Miniature Masterpiece Show & Sale 2022 – Prescott, AZ – “Desert Blossom”
- \* Sedona Arts Center – 41<sup>st</sup> Annual Juried Members Exhibition & Sale – 2022 – Sedona, AZ – “Desert Blossom”
- \* Mountain Oyster Club – 52<sup>nd</sup> Annual Mountain Oyster Contemporary Western Art Show & Sale, Invitational Show – 2021 – Tucson, AZ – “Canyon View” and “Making Waves”
- \* **National Sculpture Society – Elected as a Sculptor Member of the National Sculpture Society (NSS) – 2021**
- \* Phippen Museum – 18<sup>th</sup> Annual Miniature Masterpiece Show & Sale 2021 – Prescott, AZ – “Canyon View”
- \* Mountain Oyster Club – 51<sup>st</sup> Annual Mountain Oyster Contemporary Western Art Show & Sale, Invitational Show – 2020 – Tucson, AZ – “Frequent Flyer”
- \* Museum of Western Art – 37<sup>th</sup> Annual Roundup Exhibition & Sale 2020 - Kerrville, TX – “Frequent Flyer,” “Looking for Ewe” and “Express Male” Maquette
- \* Phippen Museum – 17<sup>th</sup> Annual Miniature Masterpiece Show & Sale 2020 – Prescott, AZ – “Frequent Flyer”
- \* Sedona Arts Center – 40<sup>th</sup> Annual Juried Members Exhibition & Sale – 2020 – Sedona, AZ – “From Here to the Horizon”
- \* Mountain Oyster Club – 50<sup>th</sup> Annual Mountain Oyster Contemporary Western Art Show & Sale, Invitational Show – 2019 – Tucson, AZ – “Answering the Challenge”
- \* Mountain Oyster Club – 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Honorary Artist Member Show & Sale – 2019 – Tucson, AZ – “Cub Scouts”
- \* Phippen Museum – 16<sup>th</sup> Annual Miniature Masterpiece Show & Sale 2019 – Prescott, AZ – “Branching Out”
- \* Mountain Oyster Club – 49<sup>th</sup> Annual Mountain Oyster Contemporary Western Art Show & Sale, Invitational Show – 2018 – Tucson, AZ – “Branching Out” and “Den Mother”
- \* Phippen Museum – 15<sup>th</sup> Annual Miniature Masterpiece Show & Sale 2018 – Prescott, AZ – “The Patriarch”
- \* Phippen Museum – “Cool, Cool Water” Art Show & Sale 2018 – Prescott, AZ – “A Moment Caught in Time,” “When Dreams Come True” and “Rapid Succession”
- \* Mountain Oyster Club – 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Honorary Artist Member Show & Sale – 2018 – Tucson, AZ – “Cantankerous”
- \* Mountain Oyster Club – Inducted as an Honorary Artist Member – 2017 – Tucson, AZ – “High Rise”
- \* Mountain Oyster Club – 48<sup>th</sup> Annual Mountain Oyster Contemporary Western Art Show & Sale, Invitational Show – 2017 – Tucson, AZ – “Glory,” “The Patriarch,” and “When Dreams Come True”
- \* Sedona Arts Center – 60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Year – Sedona Arts Center’s Legacy Artists: Still Creating show - Sedona, AZ – 2017 – Recognition as a Sedona Legacy Artist - “The Patriarch”

- \* Phippen Museum – 14<sup>th</sup> Annual Miniature Masterpiece Show & Sale 2017 – Prescott, AZ – “Fly Fishing” Maquette
- \* Sedona Arts Center – 1<sup>st</sup> Place in Professional Sculpture Category – 37<sup>th</sup> Annual Members Juried Exhibition – Sedona, AZ – 2017 – “High Rise”
- \* Sedona Arts Center – 37<sup>th</sup> Juried Members Exhibition & Sale – Sedona, AZ – 2017 – “Hooked” Maquette and “High Rise”
- \* Mountain Oyster Club – Participation in 47<sup>th</sup> Annual Mountain Oyster Contemporary Western Art Show & Sale, Invitational Show – 2016 – Tucson, AZ – “Nobility”, “Hooked” Maquette and “Fly Fishing” Maquette
- \* Society of Animal Artists – Participation in 56<sup>th</sup> Annual Exhibition of the Society of Animal Artists – 2016 – “Nobility”
- \* Phippen Museum – 13<sup>th</sup> Annual Miniature Masterpiece Show & Sale 2016 – Prescott, AZ – “Nobility”
- \* Society of Animal Artists – “Out of Africa” – African Wildlife Foundation Online Show & Sale – 2016 – “Love Gone Wild”
- \* Society of Animal Artists – Members Show & Sale at RS Hanna Gallery – Fredericksburg, TX – 2016 – “Petunia” and “Words of Wisdom”
- \* Sedona Arts Center – 1<sup>st</sup> Place in Professional Sculpture Category – 36<sup>th</sup> Annual Members Juried Exhibition – Sedona, AZ – 2016 – “Fly Fishing” Maquette
- \* Sedona Arts Center – 36<sup>th</sup> Annual Members Juried Exhibition – Sedona, AZ – 2016 – “Highborn” and “Fly Fishing” Maquette
- \* Phippen Museum – “Collecting the West: Inspiration to Creation – The Hidden Life Behind Bronze” – Prescott, AZ – 2016
- \* Mountain Oyster Club – Participation in 46<sup>th</sup> Annual Mountain Oyster Contemporary Western Art Show & Sale, Invitational Show – 2015 – Tucson, AZ – “A Moment Caught in Time”, “Highborn” and “Seeking Ice-olation”
- \* Phippen Museum – “Hold Your Horses” Exhibition & Show & Sale 2015 – Prescott, AZ – “Noble Express”
- \* Phippen Museum – 12<sup>th</sup> Annual Miniature Masterpiece Show & Sale 2015 – Prescott, AZ – “Highborn”
- \* National Sculpture Society and Naples Botanical Garden – “All Creatures Great and Small” 2015 – Naples, FL – “Great Blue Heron” Monument
- \* Desert Caballeros Western Museum – Wickenburg, AZ – “Collecting the West: Inspiration to Creation – The Hidden Life Behind Bronze” – 2014-2015
- \* Mountain Oyster Club – Participation in 45<sup>th</sup> Annual Mountain Oyster Contemporary Western Art Show & Sale, Invitational Show – 2014 – Tucson, AZ – “Cliff Hanger”, “Words of Wisdom” and “A Lot of Bull”
- \* Phippen Museum – 11<sup>th</sup> Annual Miniature Masterpiece Show & Sale 2014 – Prescott, AZ – “Express Male” Maquette
- \* Book Publication: Inclusion in “Sedona’s Best Artists” by Louise Sheldon MacDonald – Sedona, AZ – 2014
- \* Mountain Oyster Club – Participation in 44<sup>th</sup> Annual Mountain Oyster Contemporary Western Art Show & Sale, Invitational Show – 2013 – Tucson, AZ – “Cantankerous” and “Wading for Mom”
- \* Phippen Museum – 10<sup>th</sup> Annual Miniature Masterpiece Show & Sale 2013 – Prescott, AZ – “Wading for Mom”
- \* Society of Animal Artists – Participation in 53<sup>rd</sup> Annual Exhibition of the Society of Animal Artists – 2013 – “A Lot of Bull” and “Tropical Fruit”

\* Society of Animal Artists – “Art and the Animal” 2012-2013 Traveling Tour – “Tropical Fruit”

\* Mountain Oyster Club – Participation in 43<sup>rd</sup> Annual Mountain Oyster Contemporary Western Art Show & Sale, Invitational Show – 2012 – Tucson, AZ – “A Close Call” and “Vantage Point” Master



\* **Commission: “Above & Beyond” Monuments by Kim Kori & Ken Rowe, commissioned by the City of Sedona & Art in Public Places Committee for the Arizona Centennial Legacy Project – Sedona, AZ – 2012**

\* Phippen Museum – 9<sup>th</sup> Annual Miniature Masterpiece Show & Sale 2012 – Prescott, AZ – “Bear Market” Maquette

\* Society of Animal Artists – Participation in 52<sup>nd</sup> Annual Exhibition of the Society of Animal Artists –

2012

\* Phippen Museum – 8<sup>th</sup> Annual Miniature Masterpieces Show & Sale 2011 – Prescott, AZ – “Express Male” Maquette

\* CM Russell Museum – Participation in The Russell: The Sale to Benefit the C.M. Russell Museum – 2007 to 2016

\* Weighorst Award – Mountain Oyster Show – 2011 – “Best of Bronzes” – “Express Male” Master

\* Mountain Oyster Club – Participation in 42<sup>nd</sup> Annual Mountain Oyster Contemporary Western Art Show & Sale, Invitational Show – 2011 – Tucson, AZ – “Express Male” Master

\* Evelyn & Peter Haller Memorial Award for Sculpture / Society of Animal Artists 2011 – “Express Male” Master

\* Society of Animal Artists – Participation in 51<sup>st</sup> Annual Exhibition of the Society of Animal Artists – 2011 – “Express Male” Master

\* Society of Animal Artists – “Art and the Animal” 2011-2012 Traveling Tour – “Express Male” Master

\* Art of the West Magazine / Feature Article – July/August 2011 Issue

\* Mountain Oyster Club – Participation in 41<sup>st</sup> Annual Mountain Oyster Contemporary Western Art Show & Sale, Invitational Show – 2010 – Tucson, AZ – “Cheep Transportation”

\* Phippen Museum – 7<sup>th</sup> Annual Miniature Masterpieces Show & Sale 2010 – Prescott, AZ – “Howling Wind” Maquette

\* Society of Animal Artists – Participation in 50<sup>th</sup> Annual Exhibition of the Society of Animal Artists – 2010

\* Society of Animal Artists – “Art and the Animal” 2010-2011 Traveling Tour – “Secret Canyon Dweller” Maquette

\* Silver Medal for Sculpture / Western Artists of America 2009 – “The Howling Wind” Maquette

\* Mountain Oyster Club – Participation in 40<sup>th</sup> Annual Mountain Oyster Contemporary Western Art Show & Sale, Invitational Show – 2009 – Tucson, AZ – “Art Walk” Maquette and “Rise of the Hunters’ Moon” Maquette

\* Society of Animal Artists – Participation in 49<sup>th</sup> Annual Exhibition of the Society of Animal Artists – 2009

\* Society of Animal Artists – “Art and the Animal” 2009-2010 Traveling Tour – “Art Walk”

\* **Promoted to Signature Member of Society of Animal Artists – May 2009**

\* Phippen Museum – 6<sup>th</sup> Annual Miniature Masterpieces Show & Sale 2009 – Prescott, AZ – “Critical Mass”

- \* Mountain Oyster Club – Participation in 39<sup>th</sup> Annual Mountain Oyster Contemporary Western Art Show & Sale, Invitational Show – 2008 – Tucson, AZ – “Cozy Covey”
- \* Society of Animal Artists – Participation in 48<sup>th</sup> Annual Exhibition of the Society of Animal Artists – 2008
- \* Society of Animal Artists – “Art and the Animal” 2008-2009 Traveling Tour – “All Ears”
- \* Society of Animal Artists – 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual “Small Works - Big Impressions” Show – 2008 – “Cozy Covey” and “Desert Treasures”
- \* Phippen Museum – 5<sup>th</sup> Annual Miniature Masterpieces Show & Sale 2008 – Prescott, AZ – “Running Wild” Maquette
- \* Western Art Collector Magazine / Feature Article – December 2007 Issue
- \* Society of Animal Artists – Participation in 47<sup>th</sup> Annual Exhibition of the Society of Animal Artists – 2007
- \* Society of Animal Artists – “Art and the Animal” 2007-2008 Traveling Tour – “Scholar of the Moon”
- \* Leonard J. Meiselman Memorial Award for Realistic Sculpture Executed in an Academic Manner / Society of Animal Artists 2007 – “Scholar of the Moon”
- \* Southwest Art Magazine – “The Defender” – Exhibited on the Cover of Southwest Art Magazine's Annual July Sculpture Edition, along with a Feature Article inside – 2007
- \* Silver Medal for Sculpture / Western Artists of America 2007 – “Secret Canyon Dweller”
- \* Phippen Museum – 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Miniature Masterpieces Show & Sale 2006 – Prescott, AZ – “Bobcat” Study
- \* Gold Medal for Sculpture / Western Artists of America 2006 – “Great Blue Heron”
- \* Best Body of Work / Western Artists of America 2006
- \* Society of Animal Artists – Participation in 46<sup>th</sup> Annual Exhibition of the Society of Animal Artists – 2006
- \* Society of Animal Artists – “Art and the Animal” 2006-2007 Traveling Tour – “Great Blue Heron”
- \* Award of Excellence / Society of Animal Artists 2006 – “Great Blue Heron”
- \* Evelyn & Peter Haller Memorial Award for Sculpture / Society of Animal Artists 2006 – “Great Blue Heron”
- \* Phippen Museum – 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Miniature Masterpieces Show & Sale 2005 – Prescott, AZ – “Those Who Grace the Skies” Maquette
- \* Art of the West Magazine / Feature Article - January/ February 2001 Issue



*From top left to right, clockwise: "Cantankerous" by Ken Rowe, Bronze Sculpture; Ken with the model for "Cantankerous," Bobcat Sage; "Flora and Fauna" Master by Ken Rowe, Bronze Sculpture; Ken with the model for "Flora and Fauna" at the SWCC in Scottsdale, AZ.*



*Ken sculpting "Cliff Hanger"*



*"Cliff Hanger" in Bronze*



*Phippen Museum ~ "Express Male" Monument*

