



**C.M. RUSSELL MUSEUM®**  
The Art and Soul of the American West

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## **Tickets On Sale January 12 for The Russell Celebrating the Living Legacy of Western Art**

January 8, 2026, Great Falls, MT— In the wake of a record-setting year and nearly six decades of cultural leadership, the C.M. Russell Museum announces that **tickets for The Russell 2026 will go on sale January 12, 2026**. The annual Western art auction and cultural weekend will take place March 19–21, 2026, in Great Falls, Montana. The event continues the museum’s tradition of honoring the legacy of Charles M. Russell while offering new opportunities for collectors, visitors, and the public to engage with the art, history, and stories of the American West.

Following one of the most successful auctions in the museum’s history, The Russell reflects both momentum and meaning, showcased by a carefully curated selection of historic and contemporary Western works while deepening public access to the cultural significance behind them.

“This event is not only about remarkable art and artists,” says Duane Braaten, Executive Director of the C.M. Russell Museum. “It’s a celebration of the people, the stories, and the values that continue to shape the West and resonate far beyond it. The Russell allows us to bring those stories forward in a way that is authentic, welcoming, and deeply rooted in Montana.”

The Russell will feature works by Charles M. Russell alongside pieces by artists who captured the landscapes, communities, and spirit of the West—including contemporary artists such as **Troy Collins, Luke Frazier, Jennifer Johnson, Carol Hagen, and Greg Kelsey**, whose work reflects the evolving voice of Western art today. The weekend will also include educational programming, and public experiences designed to connect visitors more closely with the art and its historical context.

Proceeds from The Russell directly supports the C.M. Russell Museum and its mission to share, educate, and celebrate the art of Charles M. Russell, his contemporaries, and the broader cultural heritage of the American West.

The Russell continues to draw collectors, scholars, and art enthusiasts from across the country, while remaining firmly grounded in its Montana home, an authentic reflection of the museum’s role as both a regional steward and a national cultural leader.

More information is available at [TheRussellSale.org](https://TheRussellSale.org).

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### **About the C.M. Russell Museum**

Founded in 1930, the C.M. Russell Museum is the first museum of Western art in the United States and is dedicated to sharing the life, art, and legacy of Charles Marion Russell (1864–1926). Located in Great Falls,

Montana, the museum complex includes an extensive collection of Western art and artifacts, as well as Russell's fully restored home and studio, a National Historic Landmark.