



# ALLEN TRUE'S *West*

## EXHIBITION PROGRAMMING

### **Book Signing: Allen Tupper True: An American Artist**

TATTERED COVER BOOKSTORE, LODO

Wednesday, September 30, 7:30 p.m.

Victoria Tupper Kirby will be on hand for a book signing and lecture for the recently released Allen True biography. The book was researched and written by True's eldest daughter Jere, former reporter for the *The Denver Post* and publicity director for Aspen, Colorado and granddaughter Kirby.

*"Allen Tupper True: An American Artist' recalls, in amazing detail, True's own creative awakening and his crucial role in creating and recording the region's rich history. True's inclusive vision brought overdue dignity to the region's earliest inhabitants. His groundbreaking murals of Western vistas made the region a more beautiful place and served as giant documentaries about a disappearing way of life."* — Ray Rinaldi, *Denver Post*

### **Documentary: Allen True's West**

COLORADO PUBLIC TELEVISION- KBDI CHANNEL 12

Scheduled Air Dates: Thursday October 1, 8 p.m. and Sunday October 4, 7 p.m.

American artist Allen True's life, times and artistic achievements are documented in this profile of an artist whose love of the West reverberate through his well know murals, illustrations and easel paintings.

Family member interviews, location shoots at the Hoover Dam, the Wyoming, Missouri and Colorado State Capitols are interspersed with interviews of art historians and family member reminisces.

The documentary will be distributed to schools and libraries throughout the state to help promote a richer understanding of Colorado history through the eyes of native, Allen True.

### **Bus Tour: The Artwork and Life of Denver's Allen True**

COLORADO HISTORY MUSEUM

Saturday, November 14, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Take in Colorado history in an extraordinary day-long exploration of Allen True's murals. Jim Barrett, True historian and consultant to *Allen True's West*, will lead this tour, offering his insight into the art, life and times of True. A comfortable touring coach will usher participants throughout the city with planned stops at the state capitol, the Mountain States Telephone and Telegraph Building, Steele Elementary, South High School and Allen True's studio. Lunch at the Brown Palace Hotel.

Cost of tour includes bus transportation to and from the Colorado History Museum, lunch, coffee and danish, and all interpretation. *Reservations necessary, call (303) 866-4686.*

### **First Friday: Food for Your Mind**

COLORADO HISTORY MUSEUM

Friday, December 4, 12:15 p.m. – 1 p.m.

Join the Denver Art Museum's Peter Hassrick for an informal look at Allen Tupper True's life, times and art. True, Colorado's premier homegrown artist of the first half of the 20th century, explored and mastered several types of media during his career. His dramatic pictorial renditions of western life earned national praise during America's golden age of illustration. True began to paint and exhibit fine art works in oil around 1909. These works traveled nationally and brought him much fame and some patronage. By the mid-1910s, he had moved on to establish himself as Colorado's top muralist. *Bring your own lunch or purchase food from the Neusteters Museum Store. Drinks and cookies provided. Reservations not necessary, \$5. For information call (303) 866-4686.*

### **Three Views of True**

DENVER PUBLIC LIBRARY, DENVER ART MUSEUM, COLORADO HISTORY MUSEUM

Saturday, January 23, 10 a.m. – 2 p.m.

Illustrations, easel paintings and murals...Allen True did it all. Partake in a movable feast of art and information about the three genres that captivated Allen True's artistic attention. Three viewpoints will be offered by curators Peter Hassrick at the Denver Art Museum, Alisa Zahller at the Colorado History Museum and Julie Anderies at the Denver Public Library, followed by lunch. Proceeds from this special tour will benefit the School of Art and Art History at DU and celebrate the institution that True, Hassrick, Zahller and Anderies all attended. *For more information, call Julie Anderies, (303) 688-4754.*

### **Self-Guided Walking Tour**

DENVER PUBLIC LIBRARY, DENVER ART MUSEUM, COLORADO HISTORY MUSEUM

Ongoing, offered throughout the exhibition

Grab a map from any of the three exhibition venues and head out in search of True's treasures that embellish downtown Denver's landscape. Mapped sites will include anecdotal highlights of True's work. If paper isn't your thing, download the Google Earth tour on your computer or phone and view how Denver's infrastructure incorporated True's art. *For more information and maps, visit [history.denverlibrary.org/AllenTruesWest](http://history.denverlibrary.org/AllenTruesWest)*