



AMERICAN LEGACY FINE ARTS

DANIEL W. PINKHAM, GEORGE CARLSON TAKE TOP HONORS AT PRESTIGIOUS WEST COAST MUSEUM EXHIBITIONS

*Painter Pinkham Wins Grand Prize at Plein Air 2005 in Tucson,
Autry National Center Selects Carlson for Masters of the American West Award*

PASADENA, Calif. (April 14, 2005) – Contemporary American artists Daniel W. Pinkham and George Carlson received top honors at recent museum exhibitions that explored distinctive images of life in the American West, both past and present.

Pinkham received the \$10,000 Grand Prize at the Arizona-Sonora Desert Museum's *Plein Air 2005* in Tucson for his landscape painting *Light of Day*. A principle force in the resurgence of plein-air painting, Pinkham was one of 50 invited and juried artists who created new works of the timeless beauty of the Sonoran Desert for this exhibition. The museum's executive director, Robert Edison, presented Pinkham with his award at a ceremony on Saturday, March 5, the evening before the three-week exhibition opened to the public.

Carlson, recognized as one of the country's premier sculptors, received two awards at the eighth annual Masters of the American West Fine Art Exhibition and Sale, held at the Autry National Center's Museum of the American West in Los Angeles from February 5 to March 6. His monumental bronze sculpture of a Percheron horse's head, *The Conqueror*, received the exhibition's highest honor, the Masters of the American West Award, and was purchased for the museum's permanent collection. Carlson also received the John J. Geraghty Award in recognition of his outstanding support of contemporary Western art.

Both artists are represented by American Legacy Fine Arts (ALFA), an art gallery in Pasadena, Calif., that is dedicated to assisting collectors in the acquisition of contemporary-traditional fine art. For more information on these artists, contact ALFA's Managing Director Elaine Adams at 626-577-7733 or visit www.americanlegacyfinearts.com.

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About American Legacy Fine Arts

American Legacy Fine Arts (www.americanlegacyfinearts.com) was founded by art industry veteran Elaine Adams to assist collectors in their acquisitions of traditional fine art by today's premier American artists, including Peter Adams, George Carlson, Jeremy Lipking and Daniel W. Pinkham. Built on the philosophy that artists should be encouraged to exercise artistic freedom, ALFA provides art lovers with the opportunity to expand their collections with exceptional works that have truly inspired the artists. Open by private appointment, ALFA is located in a tranquil neighborhood of Pasadena, Calif., near the world-famous Rose Bowl Stadium.