CELEBRATION OF THE HAND: THE SOUL OF THE WEST

BY PHOTOGRAPHER SETH STERN

Craft Lake City's "Celebration of the Hand: The Soul of the West" is a collection of black & white photographs depicting the dynamic culture of cowboys in Utah.

About the Artist:
Seth Stern is a Utah-based Photographer was often a fascinating processes.

A high school dropout from Los Angeles, I was an unemployed filmmaker, chewed up and spit out by the industry, until I began living in my car and traveling the West. Hitchhiking and sleeping in my car, I was captivated by the sublime country I was raised on like Marty Robbins and Johnny Cash. I felt a calling to photograph a world entirely different from my own: the American West.

Family and friends rarely held back their jokes or concerns, but I was drawn to the West like a magnet. Instead of working myself to the bone because chasing art was the only thing that could quiet my mind. I had an unwavering belief that I was meant to be out there, and I was meant to be being a Western photographer. Somewhere along the way, the work changed me. My stone heart softened, my life took a new meaning. God had a different plan for me and I was ready to follow it. Not long after I started, folks began calling me the Cowboy Photographer.

The click of that shutter became my redemption song. Each frame, a prayer. Through the art, I healed. In the light I captured, I found God. My camera isn't just a tool — it's a sacred tool. It's a conduit to a spiritual, creative fire burn a brilliant life into a sincere being. — Seth Stern

About Craft Lake City: Founded in 2009 by Angela H. Brown, Executive Editor of SLUG MAG, Craft Lake City is a celebration of Craft Lake City! It is a SOLUCE-inspired organization with the mission to educate, inspire and connect people with the craft, revealing the creative culture of the Utah arts community through science, technology and craft. Craft Lake City's mission is to celebrate the term "Craft," by modernizing it to embrace the handmade creative.
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About Celebration of the Hand: Craft Lake City's "Celebration of the Hand" is a collection of American metal frames apparent to the sidewalks in downtown Salt Lake City. Exhibition locations are at the corner of Broadway, 300 South, between 200 West and 200 South. Each of the Craft Lake City exhibitions are open to the public 24 hours a day 7 days a week, and are free of charge.

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