CELEBRATION OF THE HAND:

THE SOUL OF THE WEST

BY PHOTOGRAPHER SETH STERN

Draft 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, Draft Lake City Photographer was often a fascinating processor.

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 sometimes being picked up by the sullen 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. I felt a deep connection 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 bring a Western photographer. Somewhere along the way, the work changed me. My stone heart softened, my life found new meaning. So, I had a conversation to build me a photo-based website. I had no clue what it is first, 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 discovered, I found God. My work isn't just a tool — it's a testament to how a broken soul can find grace, one sun burn a broken life into a story worth telling. – Seth Stern

About Draft Lake City: Founded in 2009 by Angela H. Brown, Executive Editor of SLUG Magazine, the annual celebration Draft Lake City® is a 501(c)(3) charitable organization with the mission to educate, inspire and empower the community by revealing the creative culture of the Utah arts community through science, technology and craft. Draft Lake City® is the only event in the term "Craft," to incorporate it the definition of handmade creativity.
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About Celebration of the Hand: Draft Lake City's "Celebration of the Hand" is a collection of human metal frames apparent in the sculpture entwined in downtown Salt Lake City. Sculpture Walk Downtown, Gallery Stroll on Broadway, 350 South, between 200 West and 400 West. Sculpture Walk Downtown exhibitions are open to the public 24 hours a day 7 days a week, and are free of charge.

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