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DAVID MENSING
Scottsdale, AZ



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TOM PERKINSON
LINDA TUMA
ROBERTSON
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Dallas, TX



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HARRY GREENE
MARLENE ROSE
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GROUP SHOWS



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TAMMY GARCIA
SHELLEY
MUZYKOWSKI
ALLEN
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144
GATEWAY
TO THE WEST
Santa Fe, NM



130
WITHIN THE LAND
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UPCOMING SHOW

Up to 8 works on show
June 19-July 10, 2009

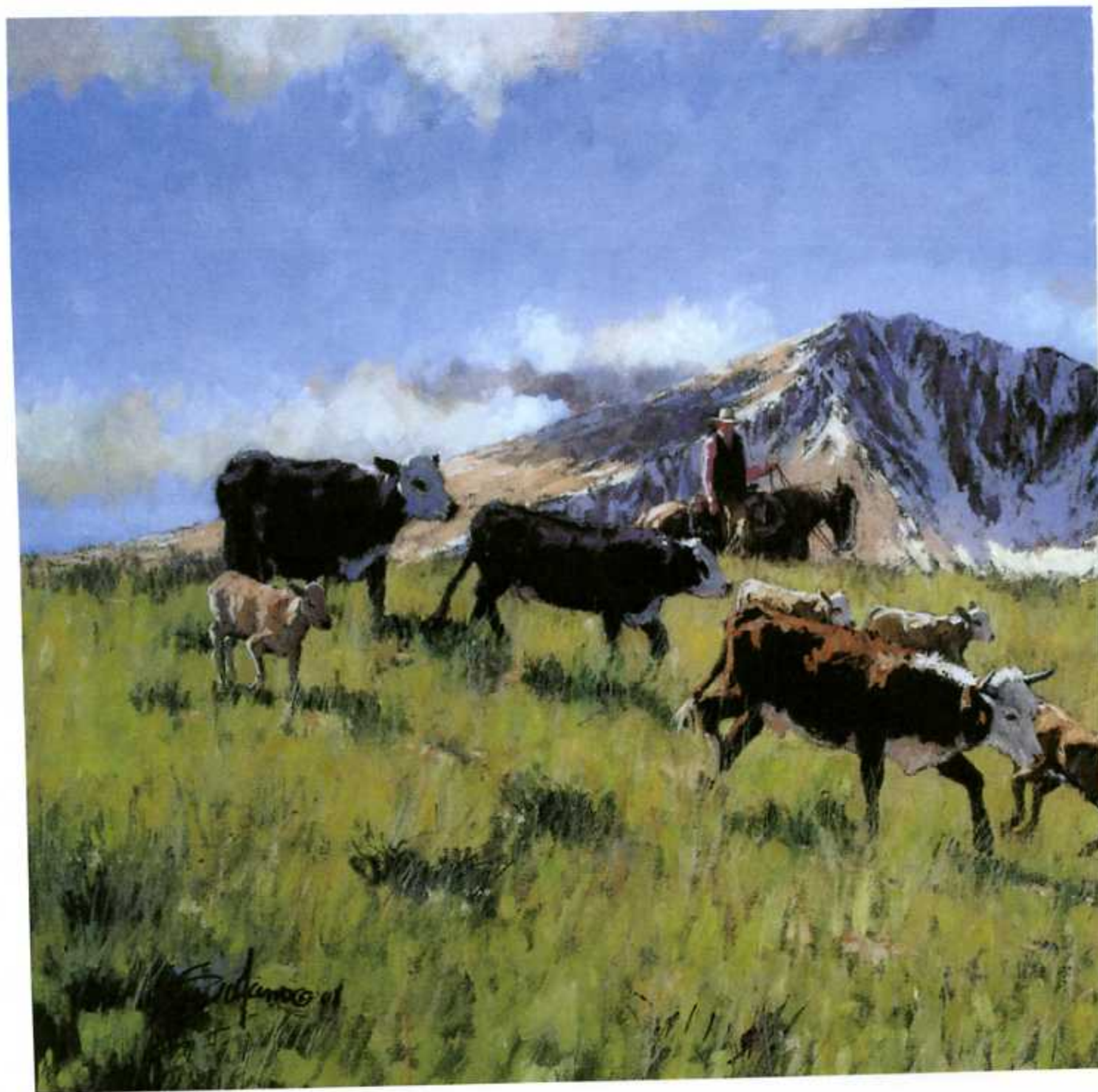
Korologos Gallery
255 Gold Rivers Ct.
Basalt, CO 81621
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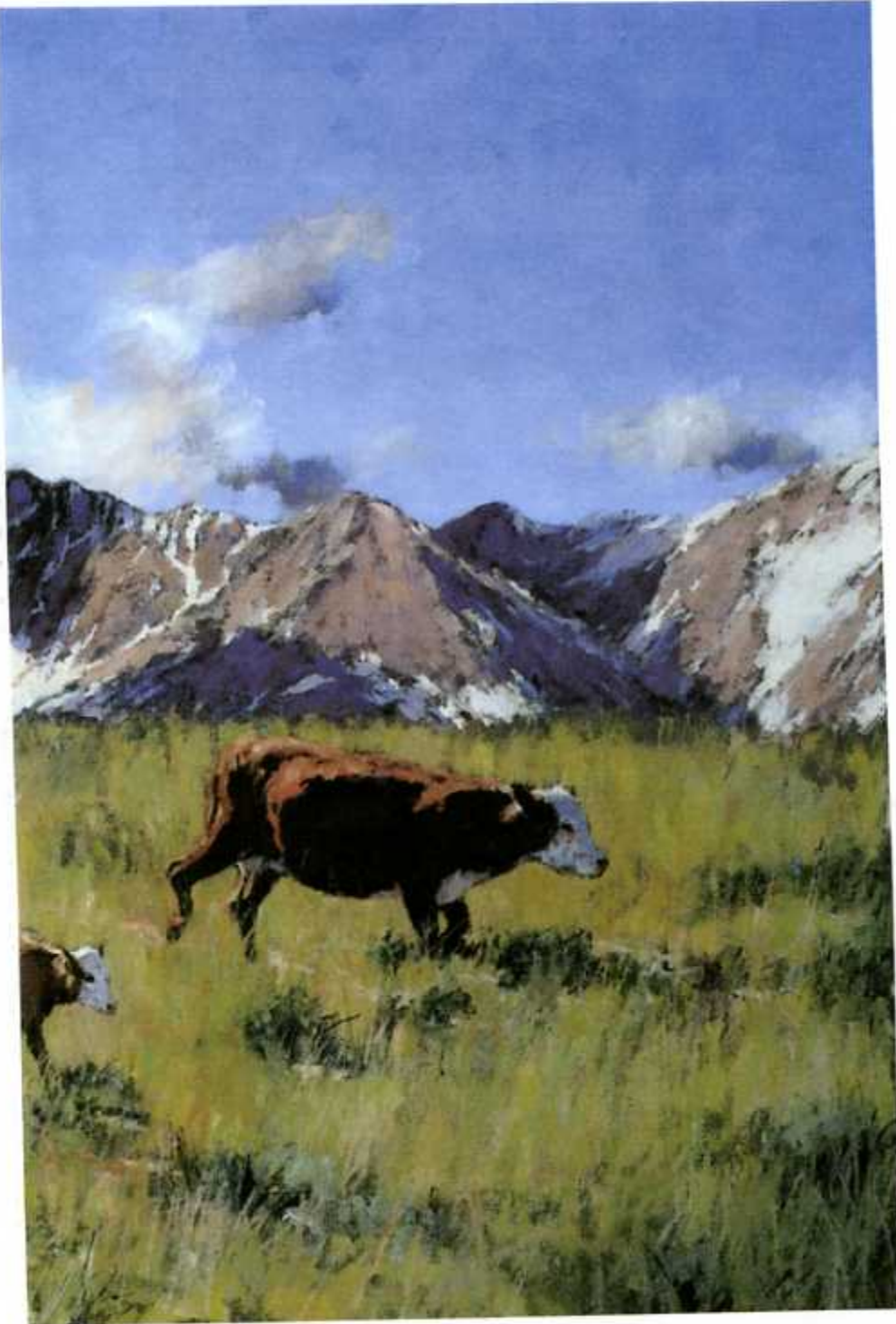
SHOW LOCATION BASALT, CO



NATHAN SOLANO

The American Experience





Nathan Solano started painting at age 40 but his artistic abilities were cultivated much earlier when he worked as a photographer, illustrator and graphic designer in Colorado and Florida. He began by painting sports figures, which set the stage for his solo art career.

For more than two decades, the 59-year-old artist has built a solid reputation for his classic Native American and cowboy subject matter. But his portfolio extends beyond that to include lush landscapes, figures, still lifes, and even nudes. In other words, says Solano, "Whatever I see that I like to paint ... everything I see is a painting."

Korologos Gallery, formerly The Basalt Gallery, will mount Solano's latest paintings in a solo exhibition titled *The American Experience—Journey West*. The show opens Friday, June 19, continuing through July 10th. Featuring a variety of scenes, the collection will include some winterscapes as well as landscapes of the Great Plains and Arizona with figures sprinkled throughout.

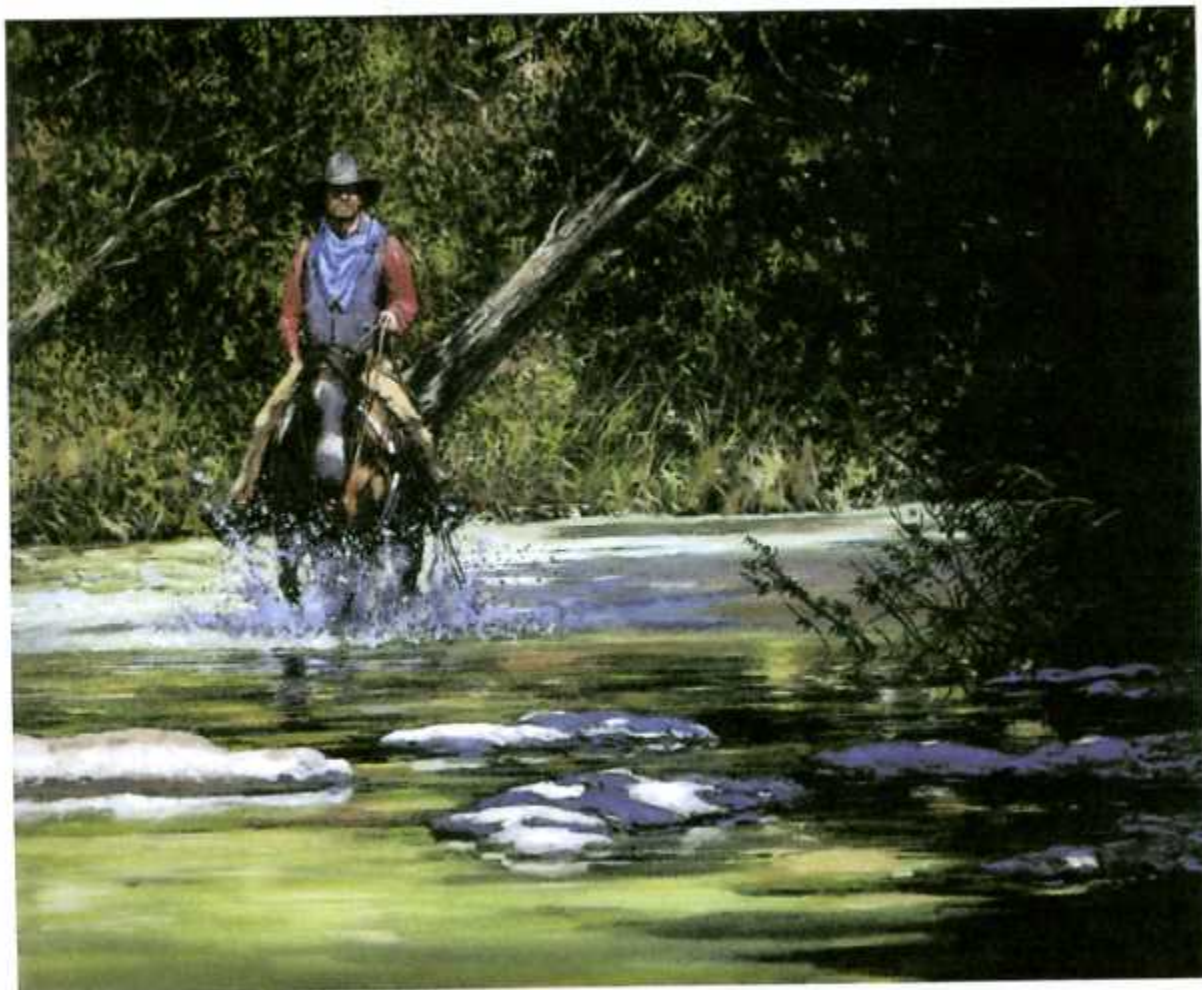
In any ordinary moment of the day, Solano finds extraordinary beauty and a certain sense of honesty. His use of light and texture create engaging canvases of pristine snow, gritty cattle drives or rugged warriors. In the new piece titled *A Bad Dude in a Texas Creek*, the artist flexes his skills on rendering trees and foliage.

"It's hard to paint trees but it came out halfway decent," he says from his home in Pueblo, Colorado.

As with most things in Solano's life, he has had to work hard for his success.

"Nothing has ever come easy for me," admits Solano. "Only one of a hundred [paintings] really flows. Every piece is a learning process."

Downhill Run, oil on board, 18 x 30"



A Bad Dude in a Texas Creek, oil on board, 24 x 30"



The Look of a Cowboy, oil on board, 22 x 28"



Outstanding in Their Field, oil on board, 24 x 40"

The Gallery Says . . .

"Nathan Solano's paintings capture the end of an era. Those great unspoiled regions of the West where there is still a sense of quietude and peace, a sense of timelessness."

— Jay Magidson, Director, Korologos Gallery

The school of hard knocks has taught Solano not to take himself, or the titles of his paintings, too seriously. Glimpses of his humor and flair for puns shine in the new works titled *Outstanding in Their Field*, *The Makeup of a Cowgirl*, and *Every Which Way But Loose*.

Solano works from models and paints outdoors and from reference photos he takes while accompanying area ranchers at brandings and roundups. Light dances across each canvas, transforming somewhat

fictional characters into realistic and contemporary figures, all the while depicting them in their daily routine.

Working nearly seven days a week, Solano aims only to satisfy his high personal standards rather than the whims of a fluid art market.

"I don't wait for inspiration to strike, and I never think about what others think of my work," says Solano, adding, "I love what I do. It is the best 'job' in the world!"

For a direct link to the exhibiting gallery go to



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Our at-a-glance Price Range Indicator shows what you can expect to pay for this artist's work.

	Small	Medium	Large
1999	\$500	\$4,500	\$14,000
2004	\$800	\$7,500	\$24,000
2009	\$1,200	\$9,000	\$30,000