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*Bert Seabourn: American Expressionist* Opening at the Oklahoma Hall of Fame

OKLAHOMA CITY – The Oklahoma Hall of Fame at the Gaylord-Pickens Museum is hosting an opening reception on Thurs., Sept. 10 for *Bert Seabourn: American Expressionist*, the newest temporary exhibit in the museum's Tulsa World | Lorton Family Gallery. *Bert Seabourn: American Expressionist* coincides with the mission of the gallery and museum to showcase Oklahoma artists.

Internationally acclaimed American Expressionist Bert Seabourn is a painter, printmaker, sculptor and teacher who experiments extensively with creative vitality. Seabourn was a Navy journalist and artist during the Korean War from 1952 to 1955. He then became an illustrator, graphic design artist and art director with Oklahoma Gas and Electric Company for the next 23 years before resigning to become a full-time painter of fine art.

Seabourn is the recipient of several notable honors, including being designated Master Artist in 1976 by the Five Civilized Tribes Museum. In 1981, Oklahoma Governor George Nigh awarded him the Governor's Arts Award. Seabourn's 23-foot bronze sculpture, *Wind Walker*, was unveiled in Oklahoma City in 1988 and Oklahoma City University honored him with the Honorary Degree of Doctor of Humane Letters in 1997. For over 50 years, Seabourn exhibited throughout the United States and in Europe, Asia and South America.

"My art is like the Oklahoma wind...constantly changing, growing and finding new directions," said Bert Seabourn, artist. "This stylistic diversity is what keeps my life, and hopefully my art, interesting. I love to paint and I hope it shows."

*Bert Seabourn: American Expressionist* features new works from the artist and will be on display Sept. 10, 2015 through Jan. 9, 2016 at the Oklahoma Hall of Fame at the Gaylord-Pickens Museum, located at 1400 Classen Drive in Oklahoma City. An opening reception will be held on Thurs., Sept 10 from 5 to 7 p.m. and is free to the public. For more information about this exhibit or the Museum's Tulsa World | Lorton Family Gallery, contact Marissa Raglin at [mbr@oklahomahof.com](mailto:mbr@oklahomahof.com).

Through interactive exhibits, the Oklahoma Hall of Fame at the Gaylord-Pickens Museum allows visitors to experience Oklahoma's story through its people. Video-driven displays and computer touch screens provide guests a unique look into the lives of famous and everyday Oklahomans who have impacted our state, country and world.

For more information about the museum, the Tulsa World | Lorton Family Gallery or *Bert Seabourn: American Expressionist*, visit [www.oklahomahof.com](http://www.oklahomahof.com) or call 405.235.4458.

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