

# HIGH DESERT MUSEUM

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## High Desert Museum Annual Rendezvous Gala Marks Its 30<sup>th</sup> Year on August 24

### *Signature fundraiser helps support Museum educational programs*

BEND, OR — The High Desert Museum’s signature fundraiser, the High Desert Rendezvous, returns on Saturday, August 24, from 5:00 pm – 9:00 pm. The lively evening on the Museum’s grounds includes dinner, live and silent auctions, a raffle, gambling, a hosted saloon and dancing. This marks the 30<sup>th</sup> year of the High Desert Rendezvous, making it one of the longest-running fundraisers in Central Oregon.

“We are delighted to be carrying on the grand tradition of the High Desert Rendezvous,” said Museum Executive Director Dana Whitelaw, Ph.D. “We’re celebrating the 30<sup>th</sup> year of Rendezvous —and approaching the 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Museum’s opening—because of the profound passion and generosity of Museum supporters. And for that, we’re immensely grateful. This gala will be a special party!”

Besides dinner, gambling and dancing, Rendezvous is also the final chance to bid on fine art by traditional and contemporary artists in the juried exhibition *Art in the West*, which is open at the Museum now. A gallery guide of the artwork in the exhibition is available on the Museum’s website at [highdesertmuseum.org/art-in-the-west-2019](http://highdesertmuseum.org/art-in-the-west-2019). Bids for the artwork will be accepted through the exhibition’s duration in the Museum’s store, Silver Sage Trading, or by phone at 541-382-4754, ext. 365 until 2:00 pm on Saturday, August 24.

An individual ticket for Rendezvous is \$150 for Members and \$200 for non-Members, and for a couple the event costs \$300 for Members and \$350 for non-Members. Limited sponsorship tables are still available for parties of eight or 10. Bob Shaw, NewsChannel 21 chief meteorologist and community affairs director, will be the evening’s MC.

The 2019 Rendezvous Honoree is Hunter Noack, classical pianist of In a Landscape. Inspired by the Works Progress Administration’s Federal Music Project during the 1930s that presented thousands of free concerts on public lands, In A Landscape is a concert series celebrating classical music and the great outdoors. Fields, forests and mountain tops replace concert halls as Noack performs on a 9-foot Steinway piano.

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Popular Central Oregon caterer Tate and Tate will prepare the appetizers and dinner. Greg Quiroga, auctioneer for Stellar Fundraising Auctions, Inc., will keep the bidding festive during the live auction and The Bucklys will bring their original rock sound to the swinging dance floor.

Available now, supporters can purchase raffle tickets for a one-week stay at Casa Comedia, a tranquil residence in the historical center of Cortona, Italy. Raffle tickets are \$100, and the drawing will take place at the High Desert Rendezvous on August 24. Those who buy tickets need not be present at the Rendezvous to win. All proceeds benefit the High Desert Museum. For more information and a link to raffle ticket sales, go to [highdesertmuseum.org/hdr](https://highdesertmuseum.org/hdr).

The High Desert Rendezvous helps support the Museum's educational programs, bringing science, art and history education to lifelong learners throughout the region.

The 30<sup>th</sup> annual High Desert Rendezvous is presented by First Interstate Bank.

Learn more about and register for the High Desert Rendezvous at [highdesertmuseum.org/high-desert-rendezvous](https://highdesertmuseum.org/high-desert-rendezvous).

## ABOUT THE MUSEUM:

THE HIGH DESERT MUSEUM opened in 1982 and brings regional wildlife, culture, art and natural resources together to promote an understanding of the natural and cultural heritage of North America's High Desert country. The Museum uses indoor and outdoor exhibits, wildlife in natural habitats, and living history demonstrations to help people discover and appreciate the High Desert. The Museum is a 501(c)3 nonprofit organization accredited by the American Alliance of Museums and is a Smithsonian Affiliate. [highdesertmuseum.org](https://highdesertmuseum.org)

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