

Andy Thomas

Thomas of Carthage, Missouri is a painter of historical and western narratives. His work has been exhibited at the finest art shows and auctions including the Coeur d'Alene Art Auction, The Scottsdale Art Auction and the CM Russell Art Auction, where he won Best of Show in 2008 for his painting "Charlie Russell and his Characters". The sale price of the painting set a record for a living artist.

This is the first year Thomas will be exhibiting at the Masters of the American West Show. His western work is noted for the use of strong storytelling, action and characters. Most major works have an accompanying story written by the artist.

Over the last few years he has completed 29 major paintings for the National Park Civil War Battlefields in Fort Donelson and Stones River, Tennessee and Pea Ridge, Arkansas. He has also depicted many more Civil War works primarily of the Trans-Mississippi theater.

He has illustrated several books and his historical paintings are often used for book covers, magazine articles, historical textbooks and documentary films.

Thomas is a top selling artist for Somerset Fine Art. They have published a variety of his work including the enormously popular paintings of U.S. Presidents playing poker; <u>Grand ol' Gang</u> and <u>True Blues</u>.

Prior to 1991 Thomas was a staff Vice President of Marketing Services for Leggett and Platt, Inc. He and his wife/manager Dina have made their sole income from art since 1991 while they raised their family of six children. They are honored to be part of the world of art in America.