

Rise Above

Painting showing Native Americans near the Grand Tetons picked as the featured artwork for the Jackson Hole Fall Arts Festival.

A 72-by-60-inch painting showing four Native Americans on horseback as the Grand Tetons rise above the clouds behind them has been chosen as the featured artwork for the 2017 Jackson Hole Fall Arts Festival in Jackson Hole, Wyoming.

The piece, *Rise Above*, was painted by featured artist, Texas painter Mark Keathley. The work will appear on posters and other marketing material leading up to the 33rd annual festival, which runs from September 6 through 17. The piece is currently hanging in the lobby of the Wort Hotel in Jackson Hole for public viewing. It will stay there until it is auctioned off on September 16.

"If we want to bring words of hope for unity into a world of unrest and turmoil, we must rise above and gain perspective from the One who sees behind the scenes and on all levels of spiritual existence," Keathley says about the work. The artist will be signing posters of his work on September 13 during the festival.

"When the Fall Arts Festival committee was selecting the artist for 2017, one thing about Mark Keathley that stood out to us was the detail in his paintings," says Maureen Murphy, director of special events for the Jackson Hole Chamber of Commerce. "His ability to bring life to the canvas struck us and his style was something we were looking for this year."

The annual festival is one of the most popular events in



Mark Keathley, *Rise Above*, oil, 72 x 60"

Jackson Hole and in Western art. This year's festival will offer locals and visitors more than 50 culturally rich and family-

friendly events over the course of 12 days. Guests can enjoy gallery openings, art walks, plein air painting and sculpting, art

auctions, food and wine tastings, ranch and home tours and more. For more information visit www.jacksonholechamber.com