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45th Annual Induction Luncheon and Ceremony Honors New Inductees and Award Winners *Five New Hall of Fame Inductees, Patsy Montana Award and Sergeant Reckless Award*

FORT WORTH, TEXAS (July __, 2020) – The National Cowgirl Museum and Hall of Fame will welcome the five 2021 Hall of Fame Inductees, the Patsy Montana Award recipient Christina Voros and the Sergeant Reckless Award recipient Lucca, at the 45th Annual Induction Luncheon and Ceremony. The Luncheon and Ceremony will be held on Tuesday, Oct. 26, 2021, at the Dickies Arena.

The five inductees include Pop Chalee, an artist who made two-dimensional, traditional Native American paintings. Lari Dee Guy, known for being the female roper with the most wins in the world with 33 championship titles. Kathryn Kusner, the first American woman to win an Olympic medal in an equestrian competition in addition to being the first female Jockey in the United States. Lavonna “Shorty” Koger, known for her world-famous, entirely woman-owned and operated custom hatteries, also helps fund nonprofits that fight cancer. Miranda Lambert, a renowned country music singer and songwriter, whose music has made her the most decorated artist in ACM history with 35 Academy of Country Music awards.

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Along with these Inductees, Christina Voros, the 2021 Patsy Montana Award recipient will be honored at the event. Voros is well versed in the world of cinematography, capturing many documentaries as a director and a director of photography, for both her projects such as her feature film “Valentine,” and others work, such as “Queen Sugar” an Oprah Winfrey and Ava DuVernay’s series. However, Voros is best known for her work on the show “Yellowstone,” where she contributed to showing the western genre as a whole.

The Patsy Montana Award is in honor of 1987 Honoree Patsy Montana, given to those whose work in the entertainment field and continue to advance the tradition of the cowgirl in the areas of film, television, music, writing and theatre.

The Sergeant Reckless Award is given to animals, individuals or groups who risk their lives for the betterment and protection of others. This year’s recipient is Lucca, the war-hero dog, for her courageous efforts of six years in the United States Marine Corps. While a part of the Navy, Lucca lead more than 400 patrols in Afghanistan and Iraq during three combat tours and had no human casualties on her patrols.

Hall of Fame Inductees is chosen through their representation of Cowgirl culture and whose lives exemplify the courage, resilience and independence that helped shape the West while fostering an appreciation of the ideals and spirit of self-reliance they inspire. These women are selected by the Museum staff who notices and respects the work that they are doing for western life.

Induction Luncheon and Ceremony sponsorship opportunities, as well as tables for the event, are available at <http://www.cowgirl.net/hall-of-fame/>. For more information on the event view the previous press release <https://bit.ly/2ULBBo8>.

About the National Cowgirl Museum and Hall of Fame

The National Cowgirl Museum and Hall of Fame honors and celebrate women, past and present, whose lives exemplify the courage, resilience and independence that helped shape the West, and fosters an appreciation of the ideals and spirit of self-reliance they inspire. Established in 1975, the Museum is considered an invaluable national educational resource for its exhibits, research library, rare photograph collection and award-winning distance-learning programs. In 2019, the Museum opened the *Kit Moncrief Galleries* and *It's Never Just a HorseTM* exhibition. Located at 1720 Gendy Street Fort Worth, Texas 76107. Hours of operation are Tuesday – Saturday from 10 a.m. – 5 p.m. Admission is \$12 for adults (13+); \$9 for seniors, military and first responders, (60+); \$6 for children (ages 3-12); free for children 3 and under with paid admission. For more news and information visit www.cowgirl.net or call 817.336.4475 and follow us on Facebook, Twitter, Instagram, Pinterest, and YouTube.

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