

MASTERPIECES *of* COLORADO

A RICH LEGACY OF LANDSCAPE PAINTING



Dear Educators:

We welcome you and your students to *Masterpieces of Colorado Landscape*, an exhibit of some of the finest historic and contemporary artworks reflecting the beauty and grandeur of our state as well as capturing a snapshot of the history of our country—exploration, settlement, Western expansion, and natural resources.

Your students are sharing this experience with thousands across the state of Colorado in the exploration of over two centuries of phenomenal landscape images and the opportunity to tie the experience into their curriculum and learning.

In this packet, you will find background materials on the exhibit, information on the artists represented, a bibliography, and a selection of lesson ideas and activities connected to the Colorado Content Standards.

As you think about the content of the exhibition and the interesting information in the background materials and in the paintings themselves, you will be able to help your students build background knowledge and vocabulary in the areas of language arts, history, science, geography, social studies, visual arts, and more.

Thank you for helping your students appreciate this artwork and learn from this unique experience.

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