

Duncan, The Heart of the Chisholm Trail, will be Host to Ron Tarver's Exhibit "The Long Ride Home" at The Chisholm Trail Heritage Center this Summer

The Chisholm Trail Heritage Center in Duncan, OK is proud to be hosting Ron Tarver's photography exhibit "The Long Ride Home: The African American Cowboy Experience in America" as the highlight to their summer program "Black Cowboy: Tall Tale or Top Hand" from June 1- August 31st, 2013.

Duncan, OK (PRWEB) June 12, 2013 – [The Chisholm Trail Heritage Center](#) is proud to be hosting Ron Tarver's photography exhibit titled "The Long Ride Home: The African American Cowboy Experience in America". It will be on display June 1 – August 31. Ron's exhibit highlights The Chisholm Trail Heritage Center's summer program, "Black Cowboy: Tall Tale or Top Hand."

Born in Fort Gibson, Oklahoma, Ron currently lives in Elkins Park, Pennsylvania. Over the past 30 years Ron Tarver has built a successful career in photography. He received a B. A. in Journalism and Graphic Arts from Northeastern State University in Oklahoma. His work has been published in The Philadelphia Inquirer, The Inquirer Sunday Magazine, National Geographic, Life, Time, Newsweek, Sports Illustrated, and Black and White Magazine. He is co-author of the book *We Were There: Voices of African American Veterans*, published by Harper Collins in 2004, which was accompanied by a traveling exhibition that debuted at the National Constitution Center in Philadelphia.

Aside from establishing a successful career in photojournalism, he has built a distinguished career in fine art. Tarver is a 2001 Pew Fellow in the Arts. He has also received grants from the National Endowment for the Arts, the Pennsylvania Council on the Arts, and a 2007 Independence Foundation Fellowship. He was named one of the Delaware Valley's "50 Rising Stars in the Arts" by Seven Arts Magazine and is 1999 alumni of the Center for Emerging Visual Artist. He currently serves as visiting instructor of photography at Swarthmore College, Swarthmore PA.

His photography has been exhibited nationally and internationally in over 30 solo and 50 group exhibitions and is included in many private, corporate, and museum collections, including the Philadelphia Museum of Art, The State Museum of Pennsylvania in Harrisburg, Oklahoma Museum of History and the National Museum of American Art of the Smithsonian Institution in Washington DC. His work is represented by the Sande Webster Gallery, Philadelphia, PA, Robin Rice Gallery, New York, NY, The Packard Reath Gallery in Lewes, Delaware, Soho-Myriad in Atlanta, GA and Grand Image in Seattle, WA.

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