



## **New Exhibition Featuring Artist Sidne Teske Showcases Pastel Paintings of the Nevada Landscape**

Heart/Land Exhibition Opens August 3 in Las Vegas at Nevada Humanities Program Gallery



*Image courtesy of Sidne Teske. Young American Tailing and Tuscarora, Pastel on Paper.*

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*Artist Sidne Teske's series of pastel landscape paintings, which were created on location in the region of Tuscarora, Nevada, will be on display at Nevada Humanities Program Gallery.*

**August 1, 2023—LAS VEGAS, NV**—Nevada Humanities presents a new exhibition, [\*Heart/Land\*](#), on display from **August 3 - September 25, 2023**, at the Nevada Humanities Program Gallery, which is located at 1017 South 1st Street, #190, in Las Vegas. An **in-person reception** will take place on **Monday, September 25, 2023, at 5 - 8 pm PDT** at the Nevada Humanities Program Gallery with an artist talk at **6 pm PDT**. Space is limited. Register for this event at [nevadahumanities.org](https://nevadahumanities.org).

*Heart/Land* features the work of award-winning Nevada artist **Sidne Teske** and includes a series of studio figural works and *plein air* pastel landscape paintings. The landscape paintings are depictions of the remote, Great Basin high desert environment surrounding Teske's home in the town of Tuscarora, in Elko County, Nevada, which was founded in 1867 as a gold and silver mining town. The companion figurative works explore our connection to this land and include gold leaf as a reference to Nevada's gold mining industry, its history, and mining's environmental impact.

“The artworks remind us that there is beauty in the mundane, especially when seen at a particular moment in time. The figures in the studio pieces, however, suspended in timelessness, seem to search inner landscapes for answers to unknown questions. Heart and land, being human. *Heart/Land*,” said Sidne Teske.

“Living in Tuscarora, Nevada - a small town deep in the heart of Nevada’s Sagebrush Ocean - Sidne Teske’s artistic work is steeped in the incredible light and nuanced history of this region,” said Christina Barr, executive director of Nevada Humanities. “The pairing of Nevada open-sky landscapes with figural work points to the effect that human beings have had on the natural world, even in spaces that still feel wild. This is an important exhibition that we hope will inspire meaningful conversations about the value and meaning of our open spaces.”

Teske will also teach a *plein air* pastel painting and drawing workshop on September 24, 2023, from 9 am - 3 pm PDT at the Desert National Wildlife Refuge Corn Creek Visitor’s Center, 16001 Corn Creek Road, Las Vegas, NV 89124. Workshop registration is \$100 per person. Participation is limited and advance registration is required. For more information and to register for this workshop, visit [nevadahumanities.org](http://nevadahumanities.org).

*Heart/Land* will open at the Nevada Humanities Program Gallery in Las Vegas on August 3, 2023, will be on display as a virtual exhibition indefinitely at [nevadahumanities.org](http://nevadahumanities.org), and will be on display at the Program Gallery until September 25, 2023. Viewing hours at the Program Gallery are Tuesdays through Thursdays from 1 to 4 pm PDT and until 9 pm PDT, the first Friday of the month for First Friday events at the Nevada Humanities Program Gallery, 1017 South 1st Street, #190 in Las Vegas. Visitors may also make a viewing appointment by contacting Bobbie Ann Howell at [bahowell@nevadahumanities.org](mailto:bahowell@nevadahumanities.org) or 702-800-4670. Visit [nevadahumanities.org](http://nevadahumanities.org) to learn more.

**About Nevada Humanities:** Nevada Humanities is one of 56 independent, nonprofit state and territorial humanities councils that partner with the National Endowment for the Humanities. With offices in Reno and Las Vegas, Nevada Humanities creates public cultural programs and supports public cultural projects statewide that define the Nevada experience and facilitate the exploration of issues that matter to the people of Nevada and their communities. For more information about Nevada Humanities visit [nevadahumanities.org](http://nevadahumanities.org).

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