

## FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

### James Lee Hansen's *Bronze Sculpture Exhibit*

*The Bryan Ohno Gallery features bronze works by contemporary artist, James Lee Hansen, from April 4 – 27, 2019.*

SEATTLE, April 4, 2019 - The Bryan Ohno Gallery will feature 7 selected works of the patinaed cast bronze figures of Hansen's 'Equestrian' series to the Shamans forms. Drawing on ancient Chinese ritual bronze tradition as well as totemic Indian sculpture, Hansen imbues his sculptures with a sense of mythology and contextualizes the enduring anthropological themes of human existence, symbolic expression, and identity within the bronze medium.

Moreover, in sharp contrast to the one-stop, high-speed, and hands-free conventions of contemporary society, Hansen emphasizes the crucial relationship between art and artist, underscoring the materiality of bronze and its communicative ability. Conceptualized and cast by the artist in his own foundry and studio in Battle Ground, WA, these works illustrate the preservation of centuries-long bronze casting tradition.

"When I am working I feel a certain sanctity," says Hansen, "a kinship with something unknown—a brotherhood, perhaps, with things of another time."

Hansen's prolific career, spanning more than 60 years following his service in the Navy during World War II, includes a monumental public sculpture at the Washington State Capitol as well as a piece in the SAM's permanent collection. While the upcoming exhibition features pieces completed as early as the 1960s, Hansen's abstracted expressionist forms remain relevant articulations of timeless motifs.

Visit the Bryan Ohno Gallery in Seattle between April 4 ~ 27, 2019 to experience James Lee Hansen's *Bronze Sculpture*.

#### **About the artist:**

James Lee Hansen (b. 1925) is a Tacoma native and graduate of the Portland Art Museum School. Hansen has maintained a strong connection to his Northwest roots and currently resides in Battle Ground, WA, where his studio and foundry are also located. In addition to shows at the Whitney Museum of American Art and the Denver Art Museum, his sculptures have appeared at locations across Washington and Oregon, including the SAM and the Portland Art Museum.

#### **About the gallery:**

The Bryan Ohno Gallery, located in Seattle's International District, is a contemporary art gallery featuring artists and artworks that challenge tradition through exploration of East-West cultural intersections and the narrowing gap between art and science.

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