

“Testing the Texas Wind”

by T. D. Kelsey

Created: 2003 - Edition: 16 total

Commissioned by: Frontier Texas!, Abilene, Texas

Width 12" Length 17" Height 13"

Price \$4,500

The buffalo is the icon for Frontier Texas!. It was chosen because the buffalo served as the primary economic resource for the region for thousands of years, losing that role just over a century ago. This sculpture depicts a bull buffalo standing in the West Texas wind. It was sculpted in wax and is hollow-cast bronze. After the cast the surface was prepared to give it the present color and gloss, called a “Cowboy Brown” patina. The sculpture contains a bronze heart inside the buffalo, a trademark of this sculptor.



Sales of this limited edition sculpture benefit the 501(c)3 non-profit operations of Frontier Texas! in Abilene, Texas.



The Artist

T. D. Kelsey

T. D. Kelsey grew up on a ranch near Bozeman, Montana, and married his high school sweetheart and rodeoed for many years in rough stock events and team roping. Presently, T.D. trains and shows his own cutting horses. He worked as a commercial pilot for United Airlines until 1979 when he resigned to devote full time to his art. His interest in and promotion of Texas longhorn cattle, maintenance of a wild horse herd on his ranch, passion for Africa and its wildlife, and concern for the conservation of wildlife worldwide have inspired many of his works.

Kelsey is a member of the National Sculpture Society and his work is found in private and public collections worldwide. He also has sculptures on permanent display at the Thomas Gilcrease Museum, Pro Rodeo Hall of Champions Museum, the C.M. Russell Museum, the National Museum of Wildlife Art, and the Buffalo Bill Historical Center. He also received the honor of having one of his sculptures chosen by the National Sculpture Society for the "Masterworks of American Sculpture 1875-1999."

He has placed several monumental pieces both private and public. These include "Texas Gold" located in the historic Stock Yards area of Fort Worth, Texas, "Briargate Mustangs" in Colorado Springs, Colorado, "Change of Seasons" and "Swamp Donkey" at the National Museum of Wildlife Art in Jackson, Wyoming and "Daga Boys" at the St. Louis Zoo in St. Louis, Missouri.

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