



J. C. Dye (1948-)

J.C. Dye was born in Montana and raised on a small cattle ranch in the central part of the state. Inspired early on to pursue an artistic career, today he is one of the country's better known western sculptors. His small-scale bronzes of wildlife, horses, Western figures and Native Americans as well as monumental installations have been greatly inspired by his life as a rancher, working cowboy and avid outdoorsman.

J.C. has been honored with various awards including the "People's Choice Award" and "First Place Sculpture Award" from the Central Montana Art Show as well as the "Founder's Award" bestowed by the American Academy of Equine Arts.

J. C. Dye has been completing his brilliant "real to life" sculptures for over a quarter of a century. J. C.'s personal view of fine art is portrayed in his following statement: "To create fine art, you must first have natural talent. Secondly, you must teach yourself to see. Then, with solid drawings, you must learn the anatomy of the figure you are going to sculpt and incorporate the proper design. These principles will give you a very good chance of ending up with a fine work of art."

J. C. has also started a new endeavor in his art. He has attended three of Scott Christensen's oil painting workshops. In addition, he also has taken a number of painting workshops from the Scottsdale Artists' School.