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### **Cowboy Poet Terry Nash Named 2018 Male Poet of the Year by International Western Music Association**

Western Slope Cowboy Poet Terry Nash has been named 2018 Male Poet of the Year by the International Western Music Association (IWMA). Nash's CD "A Good Ride" was also named Cowboy Poetry CD of the Year. Awards were held November 10 at the International Western Music Association's 2018 Awards of Excellence in Albuquerque, New Mexico.

The IWMA Awards are an opportunity for the Association to recognize those members who have shown the greatest competence in recordings or concerts and in taking the genre of Western Music and Poetry to the public. Founded in 1989, IWMA is an organization that encourages and supports the preservation, performance and composition of historic, traditional and contemporary music and poetry of The American West.

Terry Nash has been involved with Cowboy Poetry for over 25 years, writing his original poems and reciting classic Cowboy Poetry. Nash believes, as a Cowboy Poet, that there is a responsibility to keep the Western heritage alive for audiences, as most all of us have some background in agriculture, be it now or past generations.

"All of us have a rural heritage in our past, even if it was multiple generations ago," says Nash. "This genre of music and poetry speaks to that heritage, and therefore speaks to each of us and helps us all recognize the commonality between all humanity."

Nash joined the Museums of Western Colorado along with Peggy Malone, Nona Kelley Carver and other local poets and musicians in rejuvenating the cowboy gathering tradition in Grand Junction. Together, they created the Western Slope Cowboy Gathering which is held the first weekend of November annually.

For more information on Terry Nash or to purchase his CDs, you may contact him directly at [tknzoo@acsol.net](mailto:tknzoo@acsol.net). For more information about the Western Slope Cowboy Gathering or Museum happenings, please contact Museum Executive Director Peter Booth, 970-242-0971 X204, or [www.museumofwesternco.com](http://www.museumofwesternco.com).

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