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**Russell Case**

August 7 – September 26, 2009

Opening reception: Friday, August 7, 5-7pm

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The Gerald Peters Gallery, Santa Fe is pleased to present an exhibition by Russell Case, August 7 – September 26, 2009.



Western painter G. Russell Case is inspired by nature, but he places little value on literal translations. His sweeping, idealized versions of the western landscape are compositions that combine the beauty of the natural world with the rich imagination and originality of an artist's mind. While there is an unmistakable honesty present in his painted environments -- stemming from his engagement with the land painted directly from nature -- viewers may be reminded of other great artists of the west, whose work is marked by distinctive artistic philosophies. The monumental scale of Maynard Dixon, or the unfiltered color and light of Thomas Moran both find their way into his visual language. Yet Case's work is simple, pure, and fresh; his painting draws in the viewer and delivers timeless landscapes. Although Russell Case was undoubtedly stirred by the philosophies of the great artists and fueled by the freedom of painting from nature, this artist maintains that his most profound inspiration came from those in his own life who bolstered his career and remained faithful to his vision.

Born in the small town of Brigham City, Utah, Russell Case's artistic enthusiasm was first fostered by his father, Gary Case, who was also an artist. His father encouraged Russell's artistic talents and helped him seek exposure through marketing and local galleries. For fifteen years the younger Case translated his surroundings into watercolor, creating a foundation for the liquid vibrancy found in his later oils. This transition developed during his college years, where Case studied with the intent to become a professor of art. After graduating from Utah State University in 1990 and with the support of his wife, Susanne, Case decided to dedicate himself to painting full-time.

Case has won numerous awards including Best of Show and First Place Oil Painting, Phippen Western Art Show in Prescott, Arizona in 2001; First Place at Southwest Magazine Artist to Watch Show in Steam Boat Springs, Colorado in 2002; and Best of Show, People's Choice, and Artist's Choice, Maynard Dixon Country, Mt. Carmel Junction, Utah in 2003. The Coors Western Art Exhibition in Denver, CO has selected him as the featured artist for the 2010 show.

Russell Case now resides in Brigham City, Utah.

Image: G. Russell Case, Autumn Time in Canyon de Chelly, oil on canvas, 24 x 30 inches