

# Cowboy art and the genius of Ellington

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**F**or Rodeo fans, a new exhibit goes on display to coincide with the Buck'N Ball. For jazz aficionados, a lecture is planned that coincides with the current exhibit of the Duke Ellington collection.

Edmonton, Alberta, photographer and artist Roxanne Martin shows her rodeo-themed graphite drawings at the Holiday Inn today through Tuesday. In town for the Buck'N Ball, Martin's exhibit includes three of her limited edition prints, "Sam," "B.B. Bullrider" and "Duane Daines." Martin's professional photographs are the inspiration for her graphite drawings.

She graduated with an honors degree in Fine Arts from the University of Alberta and began her professional career with a solo show at the SUB Gallery. A highlight in her career was the creation of the first show for her graphite works at the prestigious Woltjen-Udell Gallery, where she was featured alongside Christopher Pratt and Andy Warhol.

Martin's continuing desire is to bring the character of rodeo a wider appreciation and she has donated much of her work to rodeo benefit causes, including the Justin Cowboy Crisis Fund. The authenticity of her works are endorsed by rodeo greats Bob Tallman and Ty Murray.

Call 356-7066 for details.

Free lectures are scheduled that will feature the life, career and extended compositions of Edward Kennedy "Duke" Ellington.

Scott Faulkner, faculty member at University of Nevada, Reno, and principal bassist for the Reno Philharmonic, will give two free lectures about Ellington at the Carson City Library on Jan. 4 and

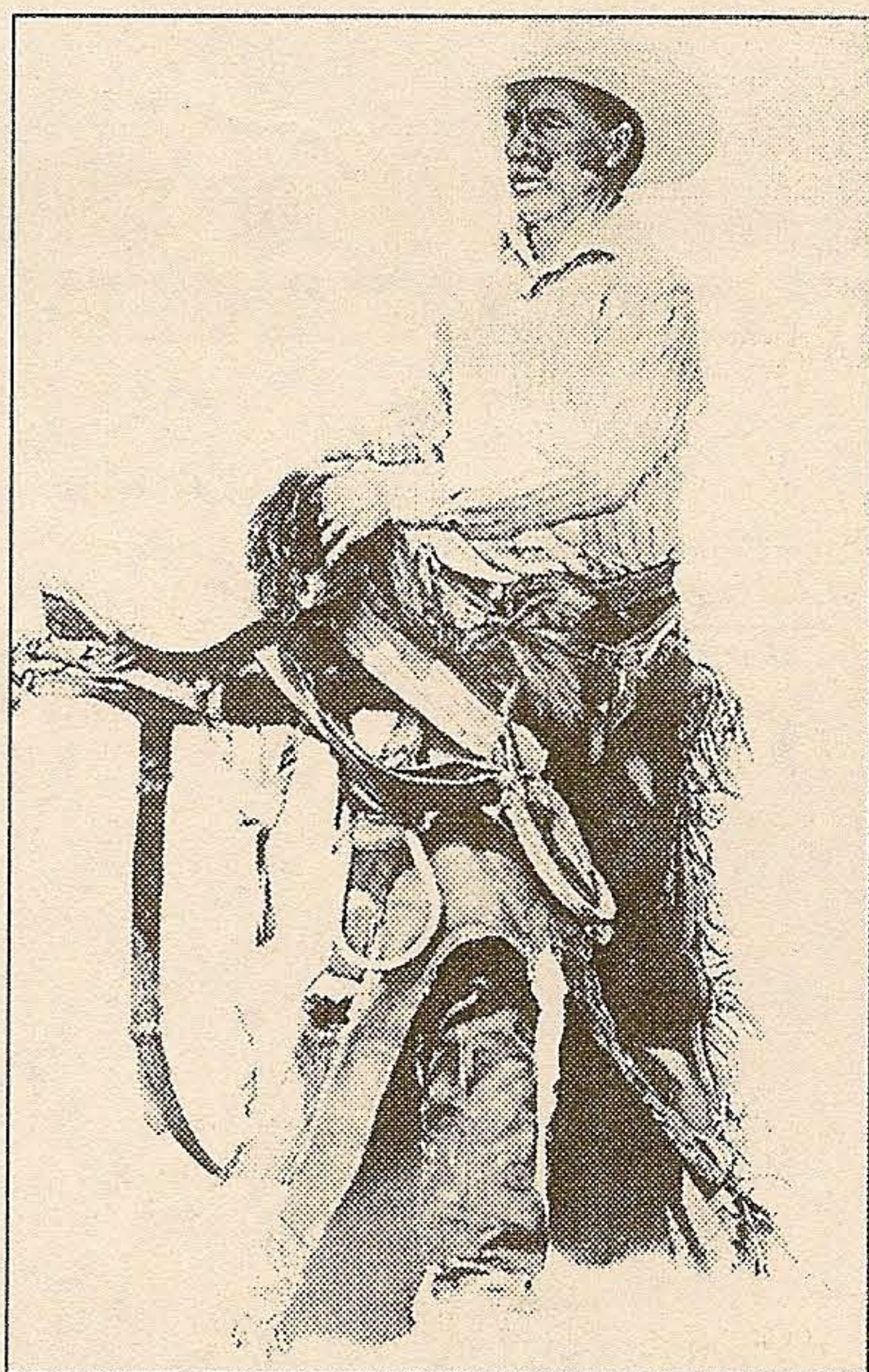
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Faulkner was involved in early planning for the traveling exhibition "Beyond Category: The Musical Genius of Duke Ellington," at the Carson City Library through Jan. 23. During the summer of 1990, Faulkner served an internship at the Smithsonian Institution's Museum of American History, where he was an assistant to John Haase, co-curator of the Duke Ellington collection.

Faulkner's lectures will be enhanced by musical examples in the hour-long programs beginning at 2 p.m.

For details call Carson City Library, 887-2244.

"Beyond Category: The Musical Genius of Duke Ellington" is organized by the Smithsonian Institution Traveling Exhibition Service and the American Library Association.



**GRAPHITE SKETCH:** Artist Roxanne Martin's works honor the spirit of the rodeo.