



The Virtuosos of the OPA Opening Weekend Schedule of Events • November 7 - 9, 2025



Thursday, September 11

Opening Reception & Awards Ceremony

4:00 – 7:00 p.m. | Ballard's Fine Art Gallery, 23 South Main Street, Sheridan, WY

Celebrate the opening of The Virtuosos of the OPA, featuring exceptional works by OPA's Master Signature and Signature artists. Meet the artists, mingle with collectors, and enjoy an evening of fine art, conversation, and hospitality.

Awards announced at 6:00 p.m. MST

Complimentary admission | All paintings available for purchase



Saturday, November 8

Painting Demonstration with Daniel J. Keys OPAM

10:00 a.m. – 12:30 p.m. | Ballard's Fine Art Gallery

Experience the artistry of internationally acclaimed painter [Daniel J. Keys OPAM](#), who will conduct a live, two-and-a-half-hour painting demonstration. Known for his luminous floral still lifes, expressive portraits, and masterful handling of color and light, Keys has earned recognition as one of today's leading voices in representational art. Daniel began painting at an early age and was later mentored by legendary artist Richard Schmid, whose influence helped shape his confident, painterly style. His award-winning work has been featured in *Art of the West*, *American Art Collector*, *Plein Air Magazine*, *Pastel Journal*, and numerous other publications, and is held in collections around the world.

During this engaging demonstration, Daniel will share his personal approach to composition, brushwork, and color harmony—offering insights into how he captures atmosphere and emotion in his paintings. Attendees will have the opportunity to observe his technique up close and ask questions throughout the session.



Palette & Palate Luncheon at Cowboy Cafe

1:00 – 3:00 p.m. | Cowboy Cafe, 138 North Main St, Sheridan, WY

Self-Pay plus 18% Gratuity

Join us for a relaxed lunch at Cowboy Cafe, one of Sheridan's favorite Main Street restaurants. Enjoy hearty fare and lively conversation with exhibiting artists, collectors, and fellow art lovers. This informal gathering offers a wonderful opportunity to connect, share insights, and celebrate the spirit of representational art in a friendly, down-to-earth setting. Guests can order off the [menu](#).



Wine & Wisdom with Daniel J. Keys OPAM

5:00 – 6:30 p.m. | Ballard's Fine Art Gallery

Raise a glass and join Juror of Awards Daniel J. Keys OPAM for an intimate, behind-the-scenes look at the award-winning paintings from The Virtuosos of the OPA. Daniel will share what made each piece stand out—discussing composition, storytelling, and technical excellence—while answering questions from guests. This exclusive event offers a rare opportunity to gain deeper insight into the jurying process and the artistic vision behind these exceptional works.



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Sunday, November 9 – Optional Activities in Sheridan

Extend your weekend and explore the artistic and cultural treasures of Sheridan—where history, art, and Western charm meet.

- [**The Brinton Museum**](#) – Nestled at the base of the Bighorn Mountains in nearby Big Horn, this world-class museum features Western and American Indian art, including works by Frederic Remington, Charles M. Russell, and contemporary masters. The architecture and mountain views alone are worth the visit.
- [**King's Saddlery & Don King Museum**](#) – A must-see for artists and history lovers alike. Discover exquisite handcrafted saddles, vintage Western gear, and a rich visual archive of cowboy culture that captures the textures, craftsmanship, and colors of the West.
- [**Trail End State Historic Site \(Kendrick Mansion\)**](#) – Tour the beautifully preserved 1913 mansion of former Wyoming governor John Kendrick. This stately home offers a glimpse into early 20th-century elegance and is a wonderful spot for plein air sketching on its landscaped grounds.
- [**Sheridan's Historic Downtown & Main Street Murals**](#) – Stroll the charming downtown, filled with galleries, boutiques, cafés, and beautifully painted murals celebrating the area's Western heritage.
- [**Kendrick Park & Bighorn Mountain Views**](#) – For those seeking inspiration in nature, take a peaceful walk through Kendrick Park or take a short drive toward the Bighorn Mountains for breathtaking scenery—perfect for sketching or photographing reference material.

Advanced Registration

If you are attending, please register in advance. Each person must fill out a separate registration form so we can accurately prepare for attendees. Register by [**CLICKING HERE**](#) or visit the OPA Virtuosos of the OPA webpage.

Attendee Information

Airport:

Sheridan, WY is served by Sheridan County Airport (SHR) with connections through Denver International Airport (DEN). Other options, about 2 hours away from Sheridan, Wyoming, are:

- Logan International Airport, Billings, Montana (BIL)
- Natrona County International Airport, Casper, WY (CPR)

Hotel Block:

A small courtesy block has been made available at the Hampton Inn by Hilton. **Please call the hotel directly to make your reservation. Mention code CHH600 and/or mention Oil Painters of America Virtuosos Exhibition.**

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HOPE TO SEE YOU SOON IN WYOMING!