

**Subject: Karmel Timmons Show – Altermann Galleries & Auctioneers**  
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Altermann Galleries will be presenting the first major gallery show of works by Karmel Timmons on August 8<sup>th</sup>, 2009, at 225 Canyon Road, Santa Fe, NM. A pre-opening reception with the artist will be held at the gallery from 5:30 – 7:30 PM on Friday evening, August 7<sup>th</sup>.

This show will feature a new series of works focusing on the Spanish mustang. Twenty works will be offered on a first-come, first served basis. All works will be displayed online at [www.altermann.com](http://www.altermann.com).

“This body of work has been the greatest artistic effort of my career and will show my special affection for the Spanish mustang,” Karmel says.

In conjunction with this series, proceeds from the sale of one of her works will be given for the preservation of the Spanish mustang breed. Also, a special promotional event on August 8<sup>th</sup>, co-sponsored by the Spanish Mustang Foundation, will include a visit to a mustang ranch near Santa Fe, a brief program about the mustang breed, and a western barbecue. Admission is free but availability is limited, and requires an RSVP by August 1. For reservations, contact Altermann Galleries at 505-983-1590.

“The Spanish Mustang Foundation is very grateful to Altermann Galleries and to Karmel Timmons for their interest in the heritage of this horse,” says Doug Lanham, the Foundation’s co-founder. “The Spanish mustang was so integral to the history and growth of America’s Southwest; they were cherished mounts for the Native American warriors, the US Cavalry, and, of course, the Pony Express. Lewis and Clark credited the success of their expedition to the tough little mustangs given to them by the Shoshoni – these horses had the stamina to travel long distances and the savvy to survive,” explains Mr. Lanham.

Karmel Timmons is an award winning equine artist doing works exclusively in graphite pencil on paper. She has participated in many exhibitions and shows, including the Buffalo Bill Art Show and Sale, the Phippen Museum Art Show, and the Coors Western Art Show. She was the co-winner of the 2004 People’s Choice Award at the Buffalo Bill Art Show, and won the People’s Choice Award four years running (2005-2008) at the Coors Western Art Show, at which she was the featured artist in 2008. She has also taken first place in drawing at the Phippen Museum Art Show. In addition, Timmons’ work has been published in magazines such as *Southwest Art*, *Western Horseman* and *Equine Vision*. Altermann Galleries & Auctioneers has represented Karmel since 2005.

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