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Exhibit: ***18<sup>th</sup> Illustrator Show, featuring artist Theodore Waddell***

Dates: February 10 to April 23, 2023

Reception: March 7, from 5 to 7 P.M.

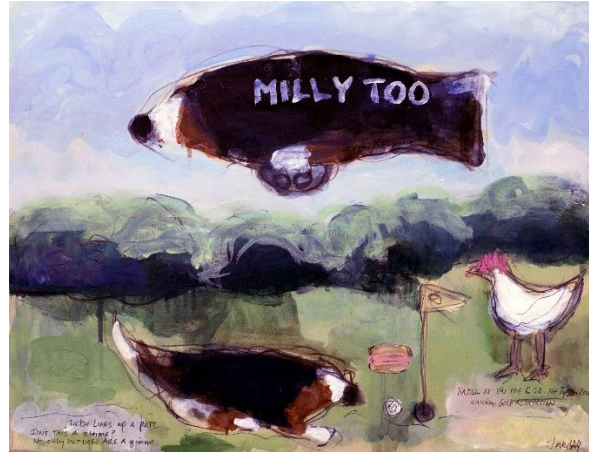
### ***The Brinton Museum's 18<sup>th</sup> Illustrator Show opens February 10, in the S. K. Johnston, Jr. Family Gallery***

**THE BRINTON MUSEUM** (Big Horn, WY) presents its 18<sup>th</sup> Illustrator Show, featuring original picture book illustrations by nationally-known, award-winning painter and printmaker **Theodore Waddell** from Hailey, Idaho. Waddell studied art at the Brooklyn Museum Art School in Brooklyn, New York. He received a Bachelor's Degree from Eastern Montana College and in 1968 received a Master of Fine Arts Degree in Sculpture and Printmaking from Wayne State University in Detroit, Michigan. He was born in Billings, Montana, and spent his childhood in nearby Laurel. Waddell is represented in numerous private and public collections including the Denver Museum of Art, Los Angeles County Museum of Art, Buffalo Bill Center of the West, Booth Museum of Western Art and the National Museum of Wildlife Art, among others.



Original Illustration from "Memories of Childhood"

The Brinton Museum's **18<sup>th</sup> Illustrator Show** features twenty-eight of Waddell's original illustrations from four of his children's books including works from his popular Tucker the Bernese Mountain Dog series, as well as a selection of illustrations from his 2015 book *Memories of Childhood*. Writer Lynn Campion collaborates with Ted in creating Tucker's fun-filled adventures.



Original Illustration from the Berner series

The Brinton Museum's Illustrator Shows, from 2003 forward, target a young audience with schools encouraged to schedule docent-guided tours throughout the duration of the exhibit. Artist Theodore Waddell will be in residence at The Brinton Museum March 6 through March 8 to conduct tours and talk with students about art, illustration and the process of creating and publishing children's books. These educational programs have been successful in reaching out to thousands of students in the Sheridan County area, and beyond. Contact Museum Educator Will Lopez at [wlopez@thebrintonmuseum.org](mailto:wlopez@thebrintonmuseum.org) to schedule a tour.

A reception for the artist takes place March 7, from 5 to 7 P.M. Waddell will be available for a book signing hosted by the Museum Store.

The 18<sup>th</sup> Illustrator Show is supported in part by a Community Support Arts Learning Grant from the Wyoming Arts Council and also First Bank of Wyoming. Admission for 2023 is offered free through a generous grant from Ramaco Carbon, LLC.

About The Brinton Museum: Founded in 1960, The Brinton Museum is a fine arts institution devoted to preserving the art and history of the West. Located on the historic Quarter Circle Å Ranch in the foothills of the majestic Bighorn Mountains, it features 19th, 20th and 21st century American and Indian Art in a historic Western setting. The Brinton Museum is a participating member of the North American Reciprocal Museum (NARM) Association which offers its members free admission during regular museum hours to other participating NARM institutions. Hours: Thursday through Monday, 9:30 A.M. to 5:00 P.M.