

**The Forbes Galleries**  
**62 Fifth Avenue at 12<sup>th</sup> Street**  
**New York, NY 10011**

***Ed Mell: New West Visionary***  
A traveling retrospective exhibition

**Saturday, September 17, 2011 to Saturday, November 26, 2011**



Sonoran Longhorn, 2010  
Oil on linen, 36 x 54  
Ed Mell Studio



*Arizona Clouds*, 1985  
Oil on canvas: 48 x 36 in.  
Collection of Christopher Forbes

**New York, NY (May 24, 2011)** The Forbes Galleries will host a major retrospective exhibition of the work of famed Arizona artist Ed Mell featuring 60 paintings and sculptures by the artist. The exhibition, which will run from Saturday, September 17 to November 26, 2011, was launched by the Tucson Museum of Art and was most recently shown at the Booth Western Art Museum in Cartersville, Georgia.

Over a career spanning four decades Ed Mell has carved a reputation as a master of Southwestern landscape, using both expressive realism and abstraction to create his dramatic vistas. In addition to landscapes, Mell is also famous for floral and figurative subjects. Some of his figurative subjects are also depicted in bronze like his sculpture of a cowboy riding a bucking horse, *Jack Knife*. The breadth of this exhibition, which has been supplemented by an additional 20 pieces from The Forbes Collection, conveys the full range of Mell's work.

Forbes' Vice Chairman, Christopher Forbes and his wife Astrid have been admirers and patrons since first discovering Mell's work 15 years ago. Said Mr. Forbes, "Ed Mell has the unique ability to distill the essence of the grand panoramas of the West. He captures like no other the drama and surreal ever-changing character of light as it transforms America's peaks, plains, deserts and cloud-filled skies."

The Forbes Galleries are open to the public with no admission fees, Tuesday through Saturday, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. ET. Thursdays are reserved for unguided group tours. Reservations can be made by calling (212) 206-5549. For more visitor information, please visit [www.forbesgalleries.com](http://www.forbesgalleries.com) or call (212) 206-5548.

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