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**COMANCHE NATIONAL MUSEUM & CULTURAL CENTER TO HOST
“NEW BEGINNINGS: ARTISTS OF COMANCHE HERITAGE”**

LAWTON, OKLAHOMA, May 21, 2008 – The Comanche National Museum and Cultural Center presents *New Beginnings: Artists of Comanche Heritage*, on display June 4 – August 31, 2009. The public is invited to attend the opening reception on June 4th from 1:06 p.m. to 3:06 p.m. Light refreshments will be served.

New Beginnings: Artists of Comanche Heritage is an art show featuring the works of Comanche artists. Works by established Comanche artists such as, Doc Tate Nevaquaya, Larry Hood and Barthell Little Chief will be shown as well as works by up and coming artists such as Quanah Parker Burgess, Cynthia Clay and Ed Hoosier, just to name a few. A variety of mediums will be exhibited including beadwork and woodwork.

“Our only stipulation for this show was that the artist had to be enrolled member of the Comanche Nation. Our visitors will recognize some of the artists but we are also showing works by some who aren’t necessarily as well known,” said Phyllis Wahahrockah-Tasi, Museum Director. “There are some very talented artists among the Comanche Nation. We want to use this opportunity to get their names out to the public.”

The Comanche National Museum is located at 701 NW Ferris Avenue, Lawton, Oklahoma, behind McMahan Auditorium. Hours are Monday through Friday, 8:00 a.m. to 5 p.m., and Saturdays, 10:00 a.m. to 2 p.m. Admission is free. For more information visit our website at www.comanchemuseum.com.

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