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COMANCHE NATIONAL MUSEUM TO BE HONORED WITH STATEWIDE AWARD

(August 17, 2009) LAWTON, OK – The Oklahoma Museums Association proudly announces that the Comanche National Museum and Cultural Center (CNMCC) is a recipient of a 2009 OMA Award. The museum takes top honors in the category “Promotional Piece” for the television commercial *Celebrating Josephine Wapp*.

Presented annually, The OMA Awards recognize outstanding achievement by museums and individuals throughout the state during the past year. Award categories include exhibitions, promotional piece, publication, web site, newsletters, conservation projects and education programs. The competition is divided into four budget categories. In addition, certificates of recognition honor the contributions of an individual, group, or business to Oklahoma museums or a specific museum or community.

Celebrating Josephine Wapp, an exhibition which showcased the life and works of 97 year old Comanche Finger Weaver Josephine Wapp, was on display at the museum February 10 – April 30, 2009. To promote the exhibit, Education and Public Programs Manager, Candy Morgan, came up with the concept of a 60 second television vignette. Morgan and Commercial Producer, Joey Lansdale, videotaped Wapp as she spoke about her life. The commercial aired on Lawton’s KSWO TV and on four Lawton cable channels.

Morgan and Lansdale and Museum Director, Phyllis Wahahrockah-Tasi, are the creative team behind all CNMCC’s television commercials. Morgan is a graduate of Cameron University’s Radio and Television Program. She has 15 years experience in broadcast news and her work has received honors from the Oklahoma Association of Broadcasters. Lansdale specializes in producing historical documentaries. He is the recipient of many awards related to his work as a director and producer. His production company, Lansdale Productions is based out of Yukon, Oklahoma.

The OMA Awards will be presented during a luncheon on Friday, September 25th at the Lawton Best Western Hotel and Convention Center as part of the Oklahoma Museums Association’s Annual Fall Conference.

With more than 420 members, the Oklahoma Museums Association supports Oklahoma museums in their efforts to educate, inform and entertain. OMA is headquartered in Oklahoma City. For more information on OMA and its programs, visit www.okmuseums.org or call 405.424.7757.

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