

## High-priced Russell painting added to Western Art Week

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A Charlie Russell painting estimated to sell for at least \$1.3 million will go up for auction next March at The Russell: An Exhibition and Sale to Benefit the C.M. Russell Museum.

A news release from the museum states that the oil painting, titled "Offering a Truce (Bested)" was completed by Russell in 1895 and

will be the highest-ever asking amount in the history of the sale. The museum estimates it could sell for as much as \$1.8 million.

Initially owned by Russell's friend, Charles Schatzlein of Butte, the painting later hung in the Mint Saloon collection until saloon owner Sid Willis sold his collection in 1945.

In a written statement, Sarah Burt, curator at the Russell Museum, said this paint-

ing is one of Russell's most recognized works.

"As one of Russell's more ambitious works of the mid-1890s, "Offering a Truce" became quite well-known during the artist's early career, and as a result, it now possesses a blue-ribbon provenance."

The Russell is scheduled for March 20-23 at the Mansfield Center for the Performing Arts. For more information, visit [cmrussell.org](http://cmrussell.org).



"Offering a Truce (Bested)" by C.M. Russell will be up for auction at this year's Western Art Week. COURTESY PHOTO