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Famed Mustangs of Las Colinas Sculptor, Robert Glen, Dies at 83

(IRVING, Texas) – The City of Irving and the Mustangs of Las Colinas Museum and Visitor Center mourn the passing of world-renowned sculptor, Robert Glen, who passed away at age 83 following a short illness in Cork, Republic of Ireland on Saturday, October 28, 2023. A dear friend to the City of Irving and maker of the City’s most recognizable landmark, the Mustangs of Las Colinas, Glen was an incredibly gifted artist and champion of African wildlife conservation.

“Robert Glen designed and crafted one of the most iconic equestrian sculptures in the world and will forever be a part of Irving’s history, culture and beauty,” said Irving Mayor Rick Stopfer. “Robert’s active involvement in the recent refurbishing of the Mustangs of Las Colinas in 2021-2022 demonstrated his commitment to Irving, and he will be missed by everyone who knew him.”

In 1976, Glen was commissioned by Ben H. Carpenter, developer of Las Colinas, to create a large sculpture as the signature piece for the new development in Irving, Texas. This project would span eight years and require work on three continents. Unveiled on September 25, 1984, the Mustangs of Las Colinas feature nine bronze mustangs galloping through a creek in Williams Square Plaza, 5221 N. O’Conner Blvd. The sculpture has become internationally renowned and welcomes thousands of admirers every year.

Reflecting on Robert Glen’s life, longtime Mustangs Museum guide Mary Higbie recalled, “Recognized around the world as an outstanding wildlife artist, Robert Glen’s talent is superbly reflected in our beautiful Mustangs of Las Colinas. They are such an important part of Irving’s identity, and we are fortunate to be able to see them every day. I feel honored to share Robert’s memory and accomplishments with the many visitors who come to see the horses and explore the museum to learn of the making of the monument, the Mustangs of Las Colinas.”

After learning of his passing Irving Community Television Network [produced a video tribute](#) to the beloved sculptor.

A celebration of life will be held by the museum at a later date with details forthcoming.

The City of Irving shared more information on [Glen’s life and legacy](#).

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