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## Meet Mike Klemme

As both an accomplished artist and successful businessman, self-taught photographic artist, Mike Klemme brings a unique skillset and a comprehensive perspective to every project. One of the most widely published photographers in his field, Klemme has contributed thousands of photographs to sports, travel and inflight magazines around the globe. On commissions from individual developers and publishers, he has tackled difficult assignments on over 1,800 golf courses in nearly fifty countries around the world for customers such as Arnold Palmer Design, Tom Watson Design, Nike, Golf Magazine, Hyatt Hotels, Four Seasons Resorts and many others. His photographic talents were showcased in two books for Golf Magazine and Harry Abrams Publishing, Grand Slam Golf and Golf Resorts of the World. He was also author and photographer of A View from the Rough.

He was recognized in 2005 as the Official Photographer of the Oklahoma Centennial and for two years traveled the back roads of Oklahoma shooting the people, places and events that make his home state great. The culmination of this project was a 288-page coffee table book entitled Celebrating Oklahoma! which was published in July of 2007 to rave reviews.

Soon after, Mike was commissioned to publish a book about his home town, Enid, Oklahoma, entitled Celebrating Enid! Which is found on coffee tables across our state and many places around the nation.

These projects led to a number of banks, educational facilities, hospitals, and government entities calling to have their buildings decorated with photographic artwork. He and his son, Brett have installed photographs in over 100 buildings in the past dozen years in addition to his assignment photography. Mike's new website, [www.mikeklemme.com](http://www.mikeklemme.com) is his first real offering of his work to the general public after many years of working with commercial customers, large corporate, healthcare, government and educational institutions.

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**BUFFALO STOMP** | Wichita Mountains Wildlife Refuge, Oklahoma

Driving through the Wichita Mountain Wildlife Refuge near Lawton, Oklahoma I came upon this bison that was feeling his oats running around all frisky-like. I trained my lens on him and he stopped what he was doing and started pawing at the ground putting up the backlit dust cloud. Patience paid off.



**WINDMILL MUSEUM** | Shattuck, Oklahoma

The small town of Shattuck, Oklahoma is known for its Windmill Museum, which is an homage to one of the main tools that allowed early settlers to survive in the barren plains. The wind driven pumps allowed them to tap into the aquifers below to provide H2O for their families and animals.



**FREEDOM PALISADES** | Cimarron River Valley, Oklahoma

The Cimarron River Valley in northwest Oklahoma has some of the most iconic western scenes you will find anywhere. This scene is just south of the cool little town of Freedom (perfectly named). You should visit sometime!



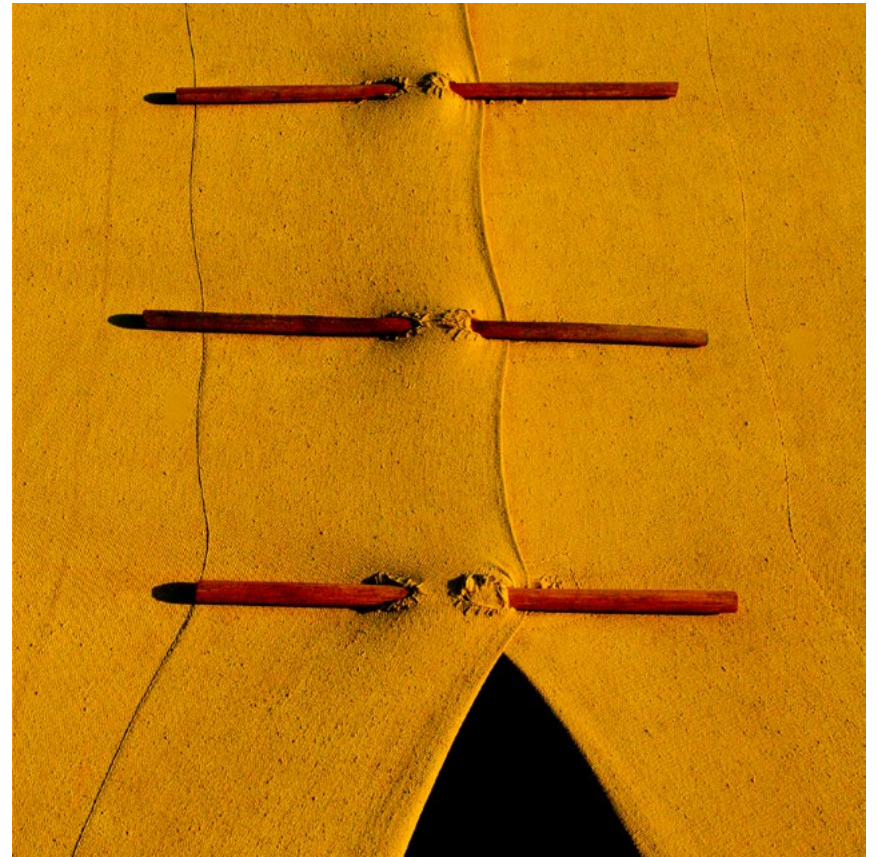
**POPS AT SUNSET** | Arcadia, Oklahoma

Pops is an ultra-modern filling station located on Route 66 near Arcadia, Oklahoma. This photo is of the 50' tall metal sculpture that sits in front of the gas station and is lit up by LED lighting that changes color constantly at night.



**TEEPEE OPENING** | Anadarko, Oklahoma

Anadarko, Oklahoma known as Indian City is home to the Caddo Nation. This is a tight shot of a teepee found in a local park.



## HARVEST AERIAL | Goltry, Oklahoma

Flying at about 1,500 feet over the wheat fields of Northwest Oklahoma at the height of harvest, we came upon this red combine threshing the wheat and separating the grain. Most of my family was involved in the wheat business, so this image is close to my heart.



**OKLAHOMA STATE CAPITOL** | Oklahoma City, Oklahoma

Driving up North Lincoln Boulevard in Oklahoma City, I saw this scene with the Oklahoma State Capitol in relief with a beautiful evening thunderstorm behind. This photo includes the iconic oil derrick just to the left of the domed capitol.



**LADY LIBERTY** | Enid, Oklahoma

I was photographing a parade in downtown Enid, Oklahoma one evening when I looked to the west and saw this pink/purple sunset with Miss Liberty in the foreground. Not long after this photo was taken, she was struck by lightning and temporarily lost her arm until a local Boy Scout put together a community effort to replace the arm.



**VALLEY OF THE GODS** | Bluff, Utah

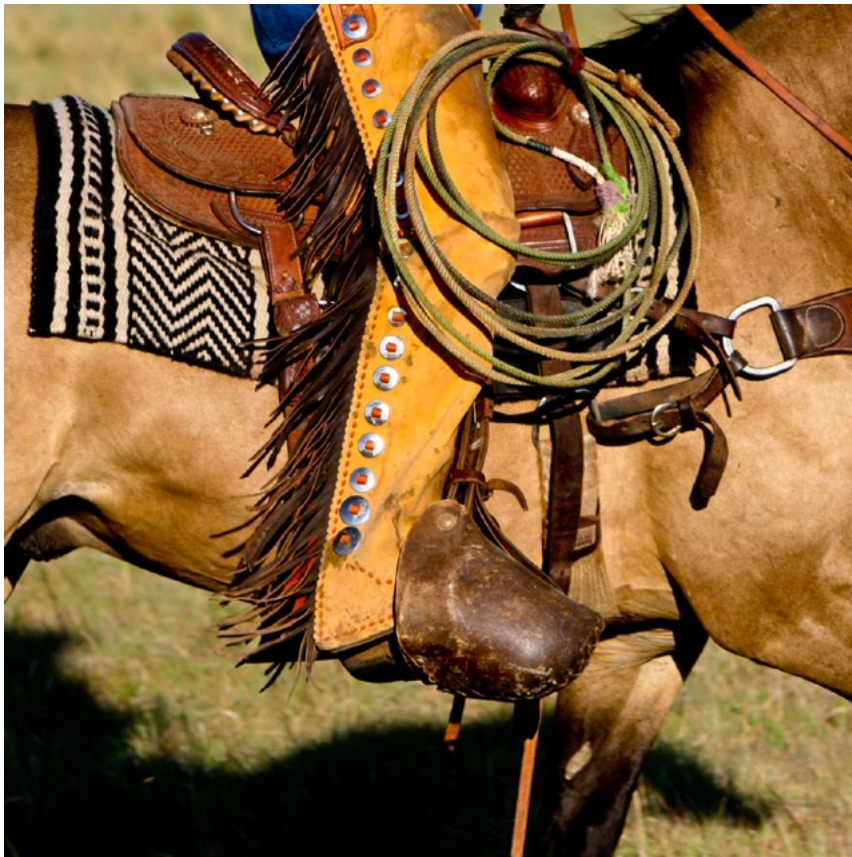
After all these years of photographing golf and landscape, there is nothing worse than waking up to the sound of rain pounding on the roof when you have a day of shooting planned. This particular morning, we decided to go ahead and load up and see what happens. Well, the rain moved off, the sun came out and this is what happened.





**HORSE AND RIDER** | Hammon, Oklahoma

During my time as the Oklahoma Centennial Photographer I was fortunate to attend many interesting events. This image was created at a trail drive that included many cowboys, a cattle drive, lots of wagons and chuckwagons as an homage to our ancestors and what they went through to settle this land.



**SHIPROCK** | Farmington, New Mexico

Shiprock, AKA Tse' Bit' a'l (Navajo) is near Farmington, New Mexico. The Navajo name means "Rock with Wings" and is the throat of a volcanic eruption that has withstood millions of years of erosion as the "wrapper" around it has eroded away. It is a beautiful site rising nearly 1,500 feet above the plains of NW New Mexico.



## CAPITOL DOME AND CLOUDS | Oklahoma City, Oklahoma

Oklahoma celebrated its centennial in 2007. As part of that celebration, our state capitol was given a dome. This photo was taken just weeks after the dome was completed and in one of those lucky moments, I was able to capture this beautiful rainstorm behind the dome.



**HITHER, THITHER, AND YON** | Cherokee, Oklahoma

This sign no longer exists, but was located next to the Great Salt Plains Wildlife Refuge near Cherokee, Oklahoma. I loved this sign and hate that someone felt it would be better in their backyard than in a place where it could be seen and enjoyed by all.



**WELCOME HOME** | Enid, Oklahoma

Growing up in rural Oklahoma, we often visited friends and relatives who lived on farms. All houses had front doors, but you always entered the back door into a porch that usually had a little table with a wash basin and a hat rack so Dad had a place to remove his hat and hang it before entering the house. Just like this.



**LIFTING FOG** | Mexican Hat, Uta

One of those fall mornings that was totally in cloud cover as we drove to our chosen location. As we were passing by this butte, the clouds began lifting we pulled over and watched as the sun won the battle and the clouds disappeared. We never made it to our planned location, this was too good!



**CIMMARON BLUFFS** | Freedom, Oklahoma

Life of a photographer. I rose from bed about 4AM and started the two hour drive to Freedom, Oklahoma. About halfway to my destination, there was thunder, heavy lightning and total darkness. I kept considering turning around and going back to bed, but continued onward. Just as I arrived at this point, the sun broke and one of my favorite Oklahoma images was captured. Perseverance



**QUARTER MOON AND MESA** | The Glass Mountains, Oklahoma

I had been following my moon tracking app and it looked as if things were going to be perfect this evening. So, I made the fifty mile trip to The Glass Mountains and got to my pre-planned spot. Planning paid off and the moon and Venus appeared just as promised. What a beautiful evening.



**GOIN' HOME** | Enid, Oklahoma

For many years, our family lived about four miles outside of Enid and on our way home every evening we passed by this ancient windmill. This particular evening, the sunset went wild. I was so lucky to be there to capture it.



**FIDDLIN' AROUND** | Guthrie, Oklahoma

While attending the Oklahoma International Bluegrass Festival in Guthrie, Oklahoma I was wondering around in the retail tent and found this display of fiddles (not violins in this case) for sale. I couldn't resist.



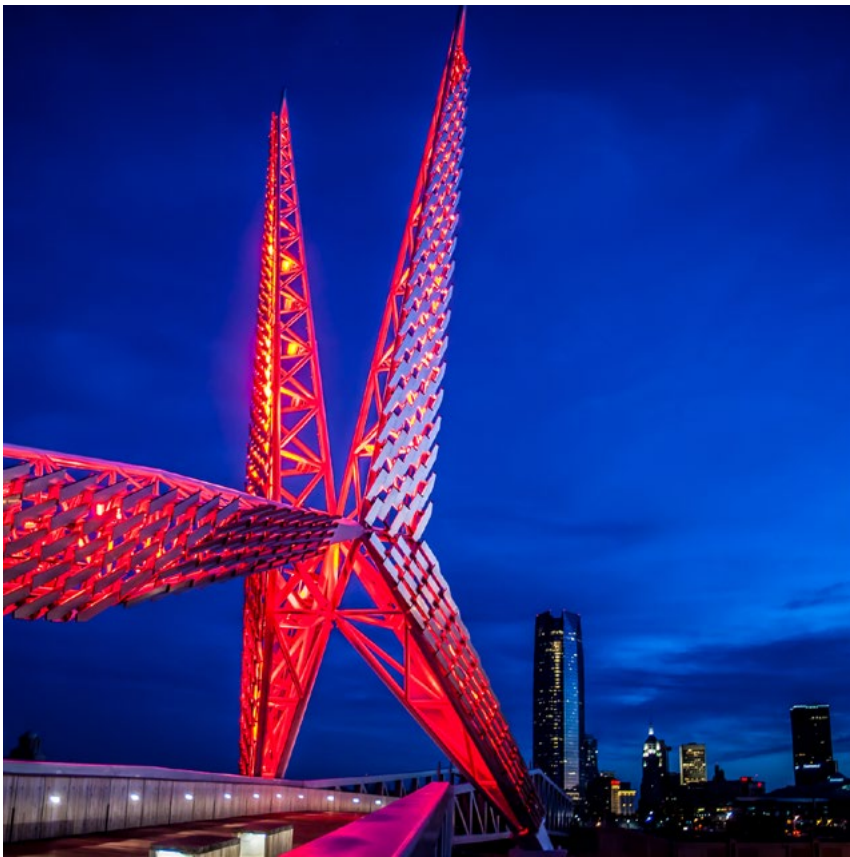
## MILKY WAY LANDSCAPE | Location?

Earlier this evening, we had stopped at this spot which overlooked a beautiful valley. I had remembered this sharp peak and as darkness fell, decided to see how it would look with the milky way as a backdrop. I never dreamed that the arc of the milky way and the cliff on the left would match up as well as they did. I have never witnessed as many stars as we saw in this spot. Breathtaking.



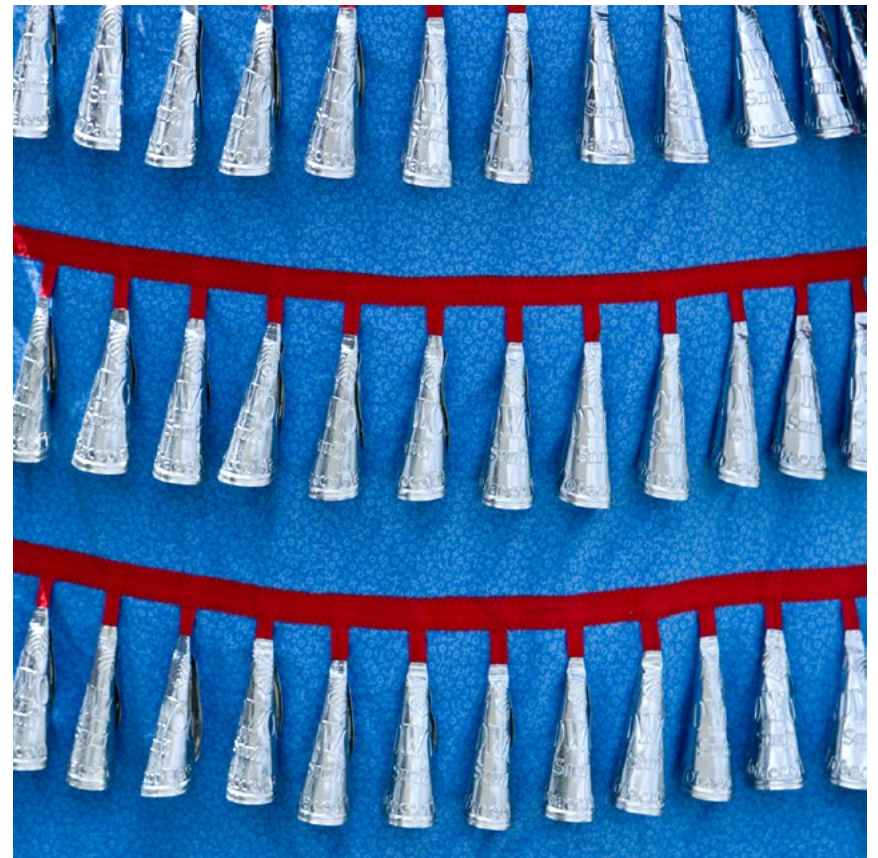
**GIANT SCISSORTAIL** | Oklahoma City, Oklahoma

Oklahoma City is in a full blown renaissance. One of the many improvements is this huge "sculpture" that spans I-40 just south of downtown. It is loaded with LED lighting that creates a beautiful icon that mimics the shape of the state bird, the Scissortail flycatcher.



**JINGLE DRESS** | Oklahoma City, Oklahoma

Every year, Oklahoma City is host to the Red Earth Festival. Which is a parade through downtown Oklahoma City with hundred of Native Americans from all over the US in their full regalia and several days of dancing, pow-wows and a massive art show.. This is a tight closeup of a jingle dress worn by many of the women.





## **BISTI BADLANDS** | New Mexico

About thirty miles south of Farmington you will find this totally unique area called The Bisti Badlands which is a huge area of wind and water eroded rock formations that create some of the craziest shapes I've ever seen. This is just a quick glimpse of what you encounter.



## **FREEDOM AERIAL** | Freedom, Oklahoma

One of my favorite things to photograph in my home state is this incredible old west scene near Freedom (aptly named) Oklahoma. My good friend, and pilot, Dave flew me over these cliffs at about 1,500 feet and banked the plane just right for me to capture the late afternoon sun raking across the striated cliffs below. That is the Cimarron River bed at the base of the cliffs.



## PINNACLE AND STARS | Bluff, Utah

We had visited The Valley of the Gods earlier in the week and had this little spot scouted out that would allow us to photograph three of these type spires. This particular one allowed me to not only capture the stars, but also, the final remnants of sunset. Such a magical place. I can't wait to return.



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