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Mike Poulsen of Cody (left) unveils his new portrait of Sen. Ben Nighthorse Campbell of Colorado (right), which will tour with the exhibition "The Jewelry of Ben Nighthorse." (Courtesy photo)

Poulsen paints Campbell

Cody artist Mike Poulsen has been friends with Sen. Ben Nighthorse Campbell of Colorado for more than 20 years.

Poulsen recently completed a second portrait of Campbell, a project that took six months. The painting will accompany an exhibition called "The Jewelry of Ben Nighthorse" which will be on display in the new National Museum of the American Indian in Washington, D.C.,

which is scheduled to open Sept. 25.

Titled "Ben Nighthorse-Cheyenne," the portrait is oil on linen and measures 50x36 inches. Mounted on a pinto, he wears Native American garb.

"He made the horse accoutrements," Poulsen said.

Campbell's sister Ann Strange Owl made the outfit, which includes 72 feathers representing Campbell's judo wins, Poulsen said. He com-

peted in the 1964 Olympics in Tokyo where he learned the art of sword-making.

Campbell also is a pilot, horse trainer, painter and jewelry maker, Poulsen added.

The artists met at a fundraiser for the Museum of the Rockies in Bozeman in 1980.

"That's when I started photographing him," Poulsen said.

The mountains in the background are near Campbell's home in Ignacio, Colo.