



Lightning Bolt Colt

Date

2000

Primary Maker

Dyanne Strongbow

Medium

Polyurethane, steel, paint, base: wood, rubber, metal

Description

Choctaw artist Dyanne Strongbow received her B. A. in commercial art and then pursued a career as a commercial artist for 10 years before moving to fine art. This sculpture was one of 250 included in Santa Fe’s Painted Ponies art event in 2001. Dark storm-laden skies blaze with lightning bolts and flashes on her Lightning Bolt Colt. Lightning bolts run down the pony’s legs. In Teton Sioux (Lakota) mythology the horse is a Thunder Being who brings storms to Mother Earth. Plains Indian warriors painted lightning bolts on the legs of their horses to symbolize power and strength. Warriors also documented this practice in the drawings they made in the late 19th century.

Dimensions

Overall (With base): 64 × 17 1/2 × 82 in. (162.6 × 44.5 × 208.3 cm)