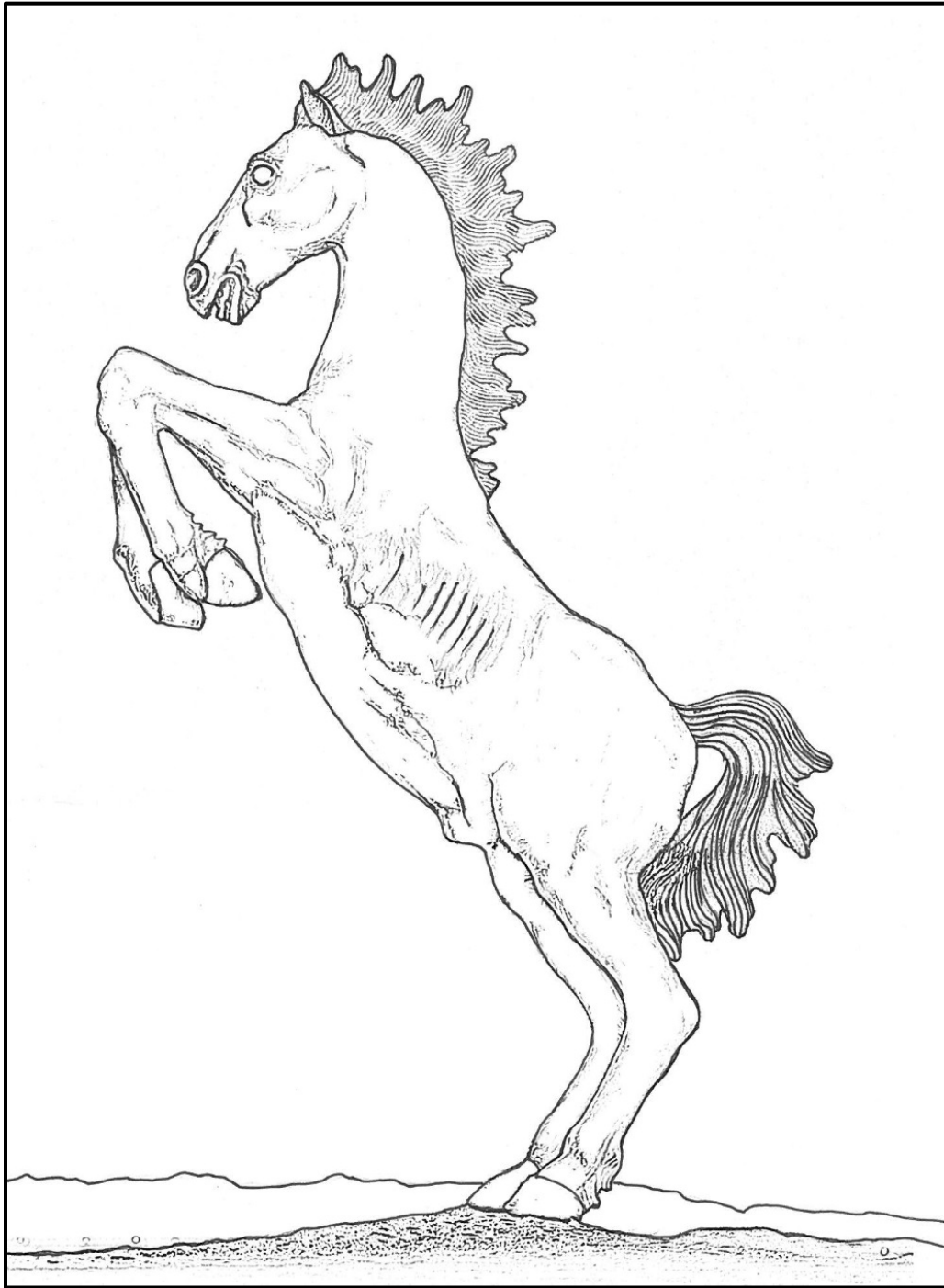


“Mesteño” or “Mustang” by Luis Jiménez, installed in 2008 at the Denver International Airport.



*Mesteño/ Mustang*, a 32-foot tall cast fiberglass sculpture by New Mexico artist Luis Jiménez, is installed at the Denver International Airport. Born in El Paso, Texas in 1940, Luis Alfonso Jiménez Jr. was the son of Mexican immigrants. Luis’ father owned a neon sign shop in El Paso, where he worked as a youth. His experiences at the sign shop and his fascination with U.S. car culture in the border areas greatly influenced his art career. It was with his large-scale, colorful, public sculptures that Jiménez found acclaim — and also some controversy — as an artist. Colorful neon paint and “low-brow” fiberglass materials were used to depict popular images of the Chicano culture.



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