“Broncho Buster” by Alexander Phimister Proctor, installed in 1920 in Civic Center Park.

This bronze sculpture by Alexander Phimister Proctor shows a cowboy on a bucking bronco. Proctor was born in Ontario, Canada in 1860 or 1862. He moved to Denver with his family when he was 11. Growing up on the frontier, Proctor developed into a skilled woodsman and hunter—interests that remained with him for the rest of his life. Along with his gun, Proctor took pencils and a sketching pad with him on his trips through the Rocky Mountains. This interest in animals stayed with him throughout his life and after enrolling in the National Academy of Design and the Art Students League, both in New York City, he became a well-known animal sculptor throughout the country and the world.