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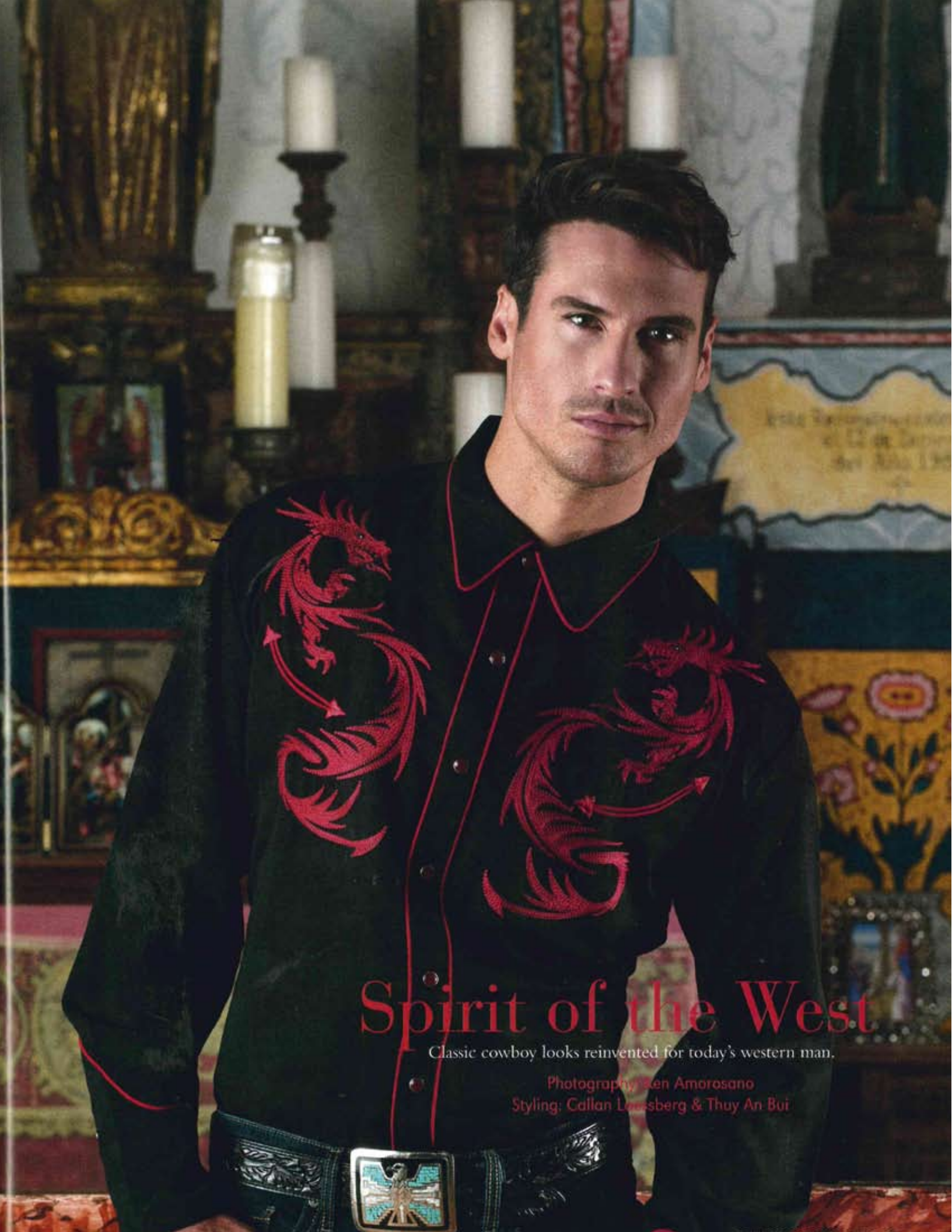
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# Spirit of the West

Classic cowboy looks reinvented for today's western man.

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Black lamb leather blazer by Scully \$319, [scullyleather.com](http://scullyleather.com), 805.483.6339; "The Daisy" crushed velvet shirt by Ryan Michael \$155, [ryanmichael.com](http://ryanmichael.com), 855.899.1708; Felt cowboy hat by Greely Hat Works \$290, from Back At the Ranch, 805.693.0055; Bolo tie from Peregrine Galleries, [peregrinegalleries.com](http://peregrinegalleries.com), 805.969.9673; Belt by Ranger Belt Company, price upon request, from Back At the Ranch, 805.693.0055; Charisma heritage jeans from Pinto Ranch \$155, [pintoranch.com](http://pintoranch.com), 800.393.8001; Pecan belly antique caiman boots by Tony Lamo \$1,350, [tonylamo.com](http://tonylamo.com), 800.548.1021



Grey felt cowboy hat by Greely Hat Works \$360, from Back At the Ranch, 805.693.0055; Sky button-up soft chambray shirt by Ryan Michael \$133, ryanmichael.com, 855.899.1708; True Grit suede jacket \$220, Charisma heritage jeans \$155, both from Pinto Ranch, pintoranch.com, 800.393.8001; Black caiman boots by Nocona Boot Company \$610, nocona.com, 800.548.1021; Comanche wrap blanket by Cowgirl Justice \$78, cowgirljustice.com, 214.675.2099.





Floral embroidered snap shirt by Rockmount Ranch Wear \$90, [rockmount.com](http://rockmount.com), 303.629.7777; Black tooled alligator belt from Vogt Silversmiths \$94, from Back At the Ranch, 805.693.0055; Turquoise with coral flowers buckle by Kadee Coffman \$230, from M.L. Leddy's, [leddys.com](http://leddys.com), 888.565.2668; Low-rise boot cut jeans by Ariat, from Back At The Ranch, 805.693.0055; Hat, stylist's own.

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## EL PRESIDIO DE SANTA BARBARA STATE HISTORIC PARK

The COWGIRL team went on location to gorgeous Santa Barbara, California, and the El Presidio de Santa Barbara State Historic Park to shoot our December/January gentlemen's fashion editorial *Spirit of the West*. We were graciously hosted by the Santa Barbara Trust for Historic Preservation. The Presidio, complete with enchanting chapel, museum and active archeological site, is a popular California Historical Landmark. Located in the heart of downtown Santa Barbara, El Presidio was built in 1782, and was the last of four military outposts built by the Spanish along the coast of what was then called Alta California, a wilderness frontier.

The Presidio was the seat of government and military headquarters for an area that stretched from present day southern San Luis Obispo County to the Pueblo of Los Angeles. The pueblo or town of Santa Barbara grew around its fortified walls. Padre Junipero Serra blessed the site of the Presidio four years before establishing the Santa Barbara Mission. The early Presidio's walls were mud and brush. Later, sun-dried adobe bricks supported by a foundation of sandstone boulders would form the whitewashed walls; Los Padres Forest timbers supporting colorful red tile roofs. Though never assaulted by a strong military force, the Presidio was not so lucky in averting the vagaries of Mother Nature, including several devastating earthquakes. Fortuitously, two structures of the original quadrangle still remain, both steeped in early California history; the Canedo Adobe, named for the Presidio soldier to whom it was deeded, and El Cuartel, the family residence of the soldier who was once assigned to guard the western gate.

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