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The Briscoe Western Art Museum Announces The 14th Annual Night of Artists Art Sale and Exhibition -Briscoe Legacy Award Presented to Painter David Halbach-

Artists' Preview & Dinner and Briscoe Legacy Award Ceremony: Friday, March 27
Night of Artists Art Sale & Reception: Saturday, March 28
Public Exhibition: Sunday, March 29 – Sunday, April 26, 2014







Billy Schenck, Burning Daylight, Oil on Canvas; H Holden, Brushpopper, Bronze; Howard Post, Ready to Gather, Oil on Canvas

(San Antonio, TX) ---The Briscoe Western Art Museum presents its 14th annual *Night of Artists* Art Sale & Exhibition featuring over 60 of the country's top Western artists. *Night of Artists* showcases the artists' best works to patrons and visitors at the Briscoe Campus on the iconic San Antonio River Walk. Artists and art patrons are the first to view the works at the Artists' Preview & Dinner on Friday, March 27. The Art Sale & Reception takes place on Saturday, March 28 and is followed by a month-long public exhibition from Sunday, March 29 to Sunday, April 26 in the Jack Guenther Pavilion adjacent to the historic Museum building.

"The Briscoe Museum's *Night of Artists Art Sale & Exhibition* represents one of the region's leading contemporary Western art shows," said Tom Livesay, Executive Director of the Briscoe. "We are pleased and excited to invite both Western art collectors and San Antonio's many visitors to view this impressive compilation of works created by many of the top Western artists today."

Nationally respected contemporary painters and sculptors include **T. D. Kelsey, Sandy Scott, Ed Mell, Jerry Jordan, Doug Hyde, Billy Schenck, Kent Ullberg** and **Kim Wiggins**. The range of subjects will reflect the vastness of the great American West from dreamy landscape vistas, to rugged frontier cowboys, historic missions, and detailed Native American subjects.



The Artists' Preview & Dinner includes the presentation of the **Briscoe Legacy Award** given to an artist whose body of work has left a lasting impact upon the Western art world. This year's recipient is CAA **David Halbach**. Previous winners include Sandy Scott, Bill Owen, Martin Grelle, Howard Terpning, Clark Hulings, G. Harvey, Kent Ullberg and Ken Carlson. Other show awards include Artist's Choice, Committee's Choice and Patrons' Choice.

About David Halbach



A graduate of Fine Arts from the Chouindard Art Institute of Los Angeles in 1954, David first found employment with Walt Disney Studios working on the animated film Lady and the Tramp. While there, his assignment, along with eight other artists, was the Tramp. His goal was to become a successful fine artist, not an animator. So during time off, David pursued this dream.

David turned to teaching art in five school districts of the Los Angeles Unified School System, and with his class demonstrations, looked to art shows and galleries for exposure, which all came about. David participated

in shows such as the Annual Phippen Memorials in Prescott, Arizona (later to become the prestigious Phippen Museum Show) and Prix de West at the National Cowboy & Western Heritage Museum, then known as the Cowboy Hall of Fame. In 1985, David was invited to become a member of the prestigious Cowboy Artists of America and since then, he has won numerous CAA Gold and Silver medals. He and his wife, Jean, make their home in the mountains of northern California.

Night of Artists marks the largest fundraiser for the Briscoe Western Art Museum with a portion of the proceeds supporting the institution. The exhibition coincides with San Antonio's largest annual cultural event, Fiesta, bringing more than 250,000 visitors to the Alamo City each year.

The *Night of Artists* Art Sale is a ticketed event. To reserve tickets and for sponsorship information, call 210.299.4499 or visit BriscoeMuseum.org

Tickets:

Saturday, March 28 - Art Sale & Reception: \$200

5:00pm - 11:00pm

Includes: art sale with bid book, beer/wine/cocktails, hors d'oeuvres, buffet dinner, live entertainment

Current Briscoe Members receive a \$25 per ticket discount off the purchase of up to two (2) tickets.

The Night of Artists Public Art Exhibition is proudly supported by the GM Foundation.





The Briscoe Museum is located at 210 W. Market Street in downtown San Antonio, Texas.



The Briscoe Western Art Museum and the Jack Guenther Pavilion are located on San Antonio's iconic River Walk.

Photo by Brandi Sutherland Photography.

About The Briscoe Western Art Museum

The Briscoe Western Art Museum, named in honor of the late Texas Governor, Dolph Briscoe, Jr. and his wife, Janey Slaughter Briscoe, preserves and interprets the art, history, and culture of the American West through engaging exhibitions, educational programs, and public events reflective of the region's rich traditions and shared heritage. Located along the San Antonio River Walk, its campus is inclusive of the restored historic 1930s art deco/neo classical former San Antonio Public Library building which now serves as the Museum space with nine galleries on three levels; the new, three-story Jack Guenther Pavilion designed by the nationally recognized architecture firm Lake | Flato and used for event rentals and programs; and the outdoor McNutt Courtyard & Sculpture Garden used for rentals and programs.

For more information about The Briscoe Western Art Museum, visit our website at <u>BriscoeMuseum.org</u>, follow us on Twitter **@BriscoeMuseum** or 'Like' us on Facebook at **Facebook.com/TheBriscoe**

Museum Hours

Tuesday-Thursday 10:00am-4:00pm Friday-Sunday 10:00am-5:00pm

Closed Monday

Open until 9:00pm the first Tuesday of every month

Admission

\$10 Adults | \$8 Seniors, Students & Military Free for children 12 and under (prices as of Jan 2015; subject to change)

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