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**The San Antonio Stock Show & Rodeo Partners with the
Briscoe Western Art Museum to Present the 18th Annual
Student Western Art Exhibit “Boots & Brushes – Celebrating
Emerging Talent”**

**Public Art Exhibition: Tuesday, January 7-Thursday, January 30, 2014
Student Art Auction: Thursday, January 30, 2014**

January 8, 2014 (San Antonio, TX)—The San Antonio Stock Show & Rodeo partners with the Briscoe Western Art Museum to host their annual Student Western Art Exhibit in the new downtown location. The art show “Boots & Brushes – Celebrating Emerging Talent” and auction features 50 of the region’s top high school students’ art work with the top 25 works auctioned to the highest bidder. The exhibition and art sale will take place in the Jack Guenther Pavilion at the Briscoe Western Art Museum in an effort to expose the works to a wider local audience and out-of-town visitors in downtown San Antonio.

Executive Director and CEO of the San Antonio Stock Show & Rodeo, Keith Martin, said, “We are excited about the exhibit and our partnership with the museum. The Briscoe is an exceptional venue for showcasing the works of these talented young artists, and it will give them the opportunity for exposure to the art community and the many visitors to the city of San Antonio.”

With more than 300 submissions each year, the art show draws students from across the state of Texas. The show garners attention for the Rodeo’s commitment to college scholarships in the arts field. Students whose artwork is judged as the top 25 receive the full amount of the auction proceeds from their art in the form of a college scholarship.

“We are pleased to collaborate with the San Antonio Stock Show & Rodeo on their student art exhibition,” said Dr. Steven M. Karr, Executive Director of the Briscoe Museum. “It is a perfect

partnership that showcases talented student artists from across the state at the Briscoe Museum where we present historic and contemporary art by some of the top Western artists.”

The 2014 participating artists are ranked in order from top:

(Rank-Name-City-Grade)

Top 25 Fidel Cantu, Pasadena, TX, 12	Top 50 Abigail Seymour, Medina, TX, 12
Top 25 Jairo Cordova, Pasadena, TX, 12	Top 50 Ashlee Hanz, Spring Branch, TX, 11
Top 25 Venessa Sosa, Pasadena, TX, 11	Top 50 Amy Truong, Houston, TX, 12
Top 25 Kasey Rives, Goldsboro, TX, 10	Top 50 Maxwell Haager, Austin, TX, 10
Top 25 Reagan Roswell, La Vernia, TX, 12	Top 50 Noelle Mercado, San Antonio, TX, 12
Top 25 Denisse Molina, Pasadena, TX, 11	Top 50 Ashlyn Christopher, Medina, TX, 12
Top 25 Bria Peters, La Vernia, TX, 9	Top 50 Sarah Bi, San Antonio, TX, 10
Top 25 Jennifer Noriega, Schertz, TX, 12	Top 50 Shane Retzloff, San Antonio, TX, 12
Top 25 Jason Peltier, Angleton, TX, 12	Top 50 Melody Braddock, San Antonio, TX, 12
Top 25 Ana Ciseneos, Pasadena, TX, 11	Top 50 Audrey Carr, San Antonio, TX, 12
Top 25 Kasey Miles, Garden Ridge, TX, 12	Top 50 Mia Venden, San Antonio, TX, 11
Top 25 Olivia Hinojosa, La Vernia, TX, 11	Top 50 Rachel Henkes, La Vernia, TX, 11
Top 25 Leslie Howell, Bastrop, TX, 12	Top 50 Matthew Sanchez, Kenedy, TX, 10
Top 25 Maricruz Garcia, Angleton, TX, 12	Top 50 Michela May, Fredericksburg, TX, 11
Top 25 Shaley Trammell, La Vernia, TX, 12	Top 50 Kailee Wegehaupt, La Vernia, TX, 10
Top 25 Alondra Carbajal, Buda, TX, 11	Top 50 Lizzy Dupnick, San Antonio, TX, 11
Top 25 Stephanie Lawrence, Houston, TX, 12	Top 50 Patricia Randal, Kerrville, TX, 11
Top 25 Geoffrey Giannone, Porter, TX, 12	Top 50 Lucas Newell, San Antonio, TX, 11
Top 25 Ha Bee Lee, Houston, TX, 12	Top 50 Samantha Ramos, San Antonio, TX, 12
Top 25 Katie Warford, San Antonio, TX, 10	Top 50 Marcello Diaz, Angleton, TX, 12
Top 25 Hallie Pace, La Vernia, TX, 12	Top 50 Cristina Anderson, San Antonio, TX, 12
Top 25 Felipe Cantu, Pasadena, TX, 12	Top 50 Larissa Neaves, Mico, TX, 11
Top 25 Alexandra Dauz, San Antonio, TX, 12	Top 50 Rebekah Hurst, San Antonio, TX, 10
Top 25 Amy Mireles, San Antonio, TX, 12	Top 50 Caroline Klier, Spring Branch, TX, 9
Top 25 Tram Le, Houston, TX, 12	Top 50 Frances Mesko, San Antonio, TX, 12

If you are interested in attending the auction, please contact the San Antonio Stock Show & Rodeo (210) 225-5851. Entrance to the public exhibition located on the second floor of the Jack Guenther Pavilion is included with Briscoe Museum admission. Museum admission is \$5 for adults; \$4 for seniors, students and military; and free for children 12 and under. The Briscoe Museum is located at 210 W. Market Street at the corner of Market and Presa Streets.

About the San Antonio Stock Show & Rodeo Student Western Art Contest

In 1996, the San Antonio Stock Show & Rodeo established its Student Western Art Contest, which recognizes outstanding high school students studying themes inherent to the Western Art genre. The contest culminates in an auction of the top 25 artworks, with proceeds awarded in the form of college scholarships. Since the inception of the contest and auction, over 400 students have received scholarships totaling more than \$2.5 million dollars.

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 BriscoeMuseum.org, follow us on Twitter [@BriscoeMuseum](https://twitter.com/BriscoeMuseum) or 'Like' us on Facebook page at [Facebook.com/TheBriscoe](https://www.facebook.com/TheBriscoe).

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