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BRISCOE WESTERN ART MUSEUM POISED FOR NEXT PHASE OF GROWTH WITH ANNOUNCEMENT OF NEW LEADERSHIP TEAM

- New president and vice president slated to join the Briscoe in early 2017 -

SAN ANTONIO, TX - The Briscoe Western Art Museum, San Antonio's anchor of Western art and heritage, is pleased to announce the expansion of its management team as it welcomes Michael Duchemin and Elizabeth Mayfield Jackson to the museum. Duchemin will serve as president and CEO while Jackson will serve as vice president. Both bring extensive experience from their respective backgrounds in Western art museum management and development.

"We are thrilled to be able to hire these two individuals as a team as we move into the next chapter of development for the Briscoe Museum," said Jessica Erin Elliott, board chair of the Briscoe Western Art Museum. "With individual strengths in museum operations, curatorial experience, fundraising and community outreach, Michael Duchemin and Liz Jackson have a proven track record of success in the Western art world and we are happy to welcome them to San Antonio."

Michael Dean Duchemin has worked since 1984 as an executive director, chief curator, exhibition and program developer, historian and author specializing in the cultural and intellectual history of the United States with an emphasis on the American West. Having most recently served as executive director at the C.M. Russell Museum in Great Falls, Montana, he previously held executive positions at the Autry Museum of Western Heritage and the Chinese American Museum, both in Los Angeles, California.

"The Briscoe Western Art Museum has become an iconic anchor of the cultural landscape in San Antonio and beyond," said Duchemin. "I am honored to help build on the organization, collaboration and vision of the Briscoe to inspire the community to explore and engage with the diverse art and heritage of the American West."



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Elizabeth Mayfield Jackson has spent more than 25 years building marketing and communications strategies as well as handling the development, execution and management of museum policies, programs and initiatives. Most recently, she served as executive director for the Museum of the Big Bend and director of development for Sul Ross University's office of external affairs and university advancement in Alpine, Texas. Previously, Jackson held communications roles at Practice Management Institute and Office Communications Systems, both located in San Antonio.

"I view the Briscoe as not only a sparkling jewel of San Antonio, but that of the great state of Texas as well," said Jackson. "It is a great honor to be part of a vision dedicated to sharing our unique western heritage and inspiring others to join in the Briscoe's mission. It will be a delight getting reacquainted with the San Antonio community. In many ways, I feel as though I'm coming home."

Both Duchemin and Jackson begin their new roles at the Briscoe Museum on February 6, 2017.

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 presents 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 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 used for event rentals and programs; and the outdoor McNutt Sculpture Garden. For more information about The Briscoe Western Art Museum, visit our website at BriscoeMuseum.org, follow us on Twitter @BriscoeMuseum or 'Like' us on Facebook at [Facebook.com/TheBriscoe](https://www.facebook.com/TheBriscoe). The Briscoe is located in downtown San Antonio at 210 W. Market Street, San Antonio, TX 78205.

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