

## **PRESS RELEASE**

### **THE BRISCOE WESTERN ART MUSEUM DEBUTS NEW MUSIC SERIES: *Sounds of the West***

**WHAT:** The Briscoe Western Art Museum debuts its newest program *Sounds of the West: Music Salon Series*. From popular standards of the past to the diverse melodic traditions of our region, this series highlights the musical arts of the American West in an intimate gallery setting. Programs take place in the Clingman Education Gallery at the Briscoe Western Art Museum at 210 W. Market Street in downtown San Antonio. Admission to each program is free.

#### ***Settling the West in American Popular Songs***

**Saturday, January 7, 2017 | 3:00pm**

Music scholar Michael Lasser presents a dynamic program with Alan Jones (pianist and vocalist) and Cindy Miller (vocalist) showcasing popular songs about the West from the late 19th to the mid-20<sup>th</sup> century.

#### ***Conjunto Meets Country Western***

**Tuesday, February 21, 2017 | 6:30pm**

Eva Ybarra the undisputed Queen of the Accordion showcases the convergence of two genres: Conjunto and Country Western. Enjoy an intimate performance with this masterful musician.

#### ***The Texas Woman, Her Heritage in Song***

**Tuesday, March 21, 2017 | 6:30pm**

Ruth Friedberg (pianist and lecturer) and Flicka Rahn (soprano) explore diverse musical traditions—Native American, Spanish, Mexican, Latino, French, German—that showcase women in song from this region. Held in conjunction with National Women's History Month.

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

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