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**NEW 385 TILE MURAL TELLS THE STORY OF SAN ANTONIO'S WATER HISTORY THROUGH ART  
*EDUCATIONAL TILE MURAL UNVEILED BY THE BRISCOE WESTERN ART MUSEUM  
AND SAN ANTONIO WATER SYSTEM***

**(SAN ANTONIO)** – Visitors strolling by the River Walk or visiting the new Briscoe Western Art Museum will get the chance to learn more about the history of water and San Antonio through a major new public art piece.

Representatives from the Briscoe Western Art Museum and San Antonio Water System today unveiled a 15' x 5' tile mural – *Water through Time* – that is displayed outside between SAWS downtown pump station and the Museum, in the McNutt Courtyard & Sculpture Garden that will open in the spring.

The colorful mural broadly depicts the history and role of water in San Antonio and serves as both an artistic and educational opportunity for the public. Historically, the mural illustrates the significance of the river and it stylistically mirrors the San Jose tiles found throughout the area. Museum educators will use the mural as a teaching tool for student tours and Museum visitors.

Dunis Studios, a family business located in Bulverde, Texas, created *Water through Time*. The mural is comprised of 385 tiles – each carefully crafted and painted by hand.

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The Briscoe Museum’s McNutt Courtyard & Sculpture Garden sits on the former plaza area in front of the SAWS pump station, which still provides water for the downtown area. SAWS leased this space to the Museum specifically for use as a sculpture garden, allowing the art on display to enhance the space between the two buildings.

“This installation speaks to two rich traditions in San Antonio,” said Dr. Steven M. Karr, the Briscoe Museum Executive Director. “Being able to provide an interpretive component for the mural through our Education Department helps us tie our local history to a broader story experienced throughout much of the American West.”

“Thanks to SAWS collaboration, this is also another way of expanding our public reach outside of our Museum building where visitors can view the artwork, and learn more about San Antonio’s water history,” he added.

“What better setting for this beautiful tile mural than along the banks of the San Antonio River Walk and adjacent to San Antonio’s most historic water site, which has been in operation for more than a century,” said Steve Clouse, SAWS Chief Operating Officer. “We are thrilled to work with the Briscoe Western Art Museum and bring this wonderful project to the community and further share the city’s water history.”

For more information on The Briscoe Western Art Museum, visit [BriscoeMuseum.org](http://BriscoeMuseum.org).

For more information on San Antonio Water System, visit [saws.org](http://saws.org).

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