



THE BRISCOE
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Briscoe Western Art Museum Names Debbie Montford Recipient of Inaugural Dolph & Janey Briscoe Legacy Award

San Antonio, TX (Nov. 8, 2017)— The Briscoe Western Art Museum today announced Debbie Montford as the recipient of the newly established Dolph & Janey Briscoe Legacy Award. This award serves as a special tribute to an individual who has demonstrated the philanthropic spirit of the late Texas Governor and his wife through altruistic contributions and support of the Briscoe Museum and all of South Texas. Montford will be presented with the Briscoe Legacy Award during a luncheon in her honor on Wednesday, December 6 beginning at 11:30am at the Briscoe's Jack Guenther Pavilion.

For more than 30 years, Debbie Montford has dedicated her philanthropic expertise and generous support to nonprofits across the state of Texas. Through her exceptional leadership and tenacious efforts as chairman of the board for the Briscoe Museum, Debbie was integral in the grand opening of the Museum in 2013. She is currently an advisory board member of the Briscoe, board secretary of Humanities Texas, and an advisory director of the Plum Foundation.

"The Briscoe Museum is deeply grateful for Debbie Montford's unwavering dedication and advocacy," said Michael Duchemin, President & CEO of the Briscoe Museum. "Her continuous philanthropic efforts and devotion to our Museum aptly embody the core values of this award."

Debbie has served on numerous boards and has received many notable awards including the Champion of the Arts Award presented by *Texas Monthly* in association with Texas Women for the Arts. With a personal approach to fundraising and a deep passion for the arts, education, and the health of the San Antonio community, Debbie and her husband, John T. Montford, are often dubbed "the dynamic duo," with a goal to raise \$1 billion dollars for charity in their lifetimes.

"Debbie Montford has been a great champion of the arts. She has been a leader in creating The Tobin Center and The Briscoe Western Art Museum. San Antonio is fortunate to have Debbie Montford contributing to our community in such a dynamic and dedicated fashion," said the Honorable Nelson W. Wolff.

Legacy Award Luncheon chairs include Jane Macon, Tracy Wolff, and Nancy Loeffler. The award itself will be presented to Debbie by her husband, John T. Montford, a former member of the Texas State Senate (District 28) and former chancellor of the Texas Tech University System. Please call 210.229.4499 or visit BriscoeMuseum.org for sponsorship information and tickets.

About The Briscoe Western Art Museum

The Briscoe Western Art Museum, named in honor of the late Texas Gov. 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 at 210 W. Market Street along the San Antonio River Walk, the Museum's campus includes the restored 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 BriscoeMuseum.org, or follow us on Facebook/Twitter/Instagram @BriscoeMuseum.