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**The Briscoe Western Art Museum Announces
the 2018 *Night of Artists* Exhibition & Art Sale**

Inaugural Collectors Summit, Opening Weekend Events: March 23 & 24, 2018

Public Exhibition & Sale: March 25 – May 6, 2018



Mikel Donahue, *Back to Camp*, Acrylic; ZS Liang, *Grizzly Bear Man*, Oil on linen canvas; Kent Ullberg, *Mind and Passion*, Bronze and stainless steel; Bryan Haynes, *Adobe in the Cottonwoods*, Acrylic on canvas.

(San Antonio, TX – December 1, 2017) The Briscoe Western Art Museum today announced its 17th annual *Night of Artists Exhibition & Art Sale* featuring 75 of the country's top Western artists. Each year, *Night of Artists* draws artists, collectors, and art enthusiasts to the Briscoe campus for a weekend of festivities on the banks of the iconic San Antonio River Walk for the chance to view and purchase over 280 works of painting, sculpture, and mixed media by some of the country's leading Western artists.

Opening weekend kicks off on Friday, March 23 with the inaugural Briscoe Collectors Summit. This full day summit, intended for both beginning and seasoned art collectors, explores today's emerging Western art market, trends, and insights for purchasing art as an investment.

Friday evening is the Exhibition Preview, Artist Awards Dinner & Live Auction which for the first time will incorporate a live auction of over 20 works by featured artists from the show. Guests can enjoy cocktails in the galleries, an elegant seated dinner, and the 2018 Artist Awards presentation, with cash prizes for all award-winning artists.

Saturday night marks the *Night of Artists'* signature event – the Grand Exhibition Opening, Art Sale & Reception. This memorable evening begins with the "Luck of the Draw" sale where all artwork is

available for purchase. The fun continues with delicious food stations, libations, and live music under the stars.

The public exhibition follows from March 25 to May 6, 2018 with all unsold art available for purchase.

"Night of Artists has established itself as one of the region's premier showcases for contemporary Western art and emerging artists," said Michael Duchemin, President & CEO of the Briscoe Museum. "The caliber of artists at this show is exceptional and this year we are pleased to welcome new artists into the fold."

The range of subjects reflects the vastness of the great American West -- from stunning landscape vistas and rugged cowboys to wildlife and detailed portraiture. Nationally recognized painters and sculptors include **Martin Grelle, Mark Maggiori, Nicholas Coleman, Kim Wiggins, Bill Nebeker, Teresa Elliott, Z. S. Liang, Billy Schenck, Kent Ullberg, and Gladys Roldán-de-Moras.**

Night of Artists is the largest fundraiser for the Briscoe Western Art Museum with proceeds directly supporting the institution. After opening weekend, the art is on display during a six-week public exhibition and available for purchase through May 6, 2018. For more information or to purchase tickets, please visit BriscoeMuseum.org or call 210.299.4499.

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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.