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The Briscoe Western Art Museum
***Night of Artists* Raises \$1.2 Million**
- Artists and art enthusiasts supported the 13th annual event -

San Antonio, TX (April 6, 2014) ---The Briscoe Western Art Museum raised \$1.2 million at its 13th Annual ***Night of Artists Art Sale & Reception***, featuring more than 60 of the country's top contemporary Western artists. The proceeds from the annual fundraising event go towards supporting the operation of the Museum.

Night of the Artists was attended by more than 700 artists, sponsors and guests throughout the weekend events that included an Artists' Preview & Dinner on March 28, where artists and art patrons were the first to view the works. It was followed by the Art Sale and Reception on March 29, where art buyers purchased their favorite artworks. The *Night of Artists* weekend event kicks off a month-long exhibition, which is now open to the public through Sunday, April 27, in the Jack Guenther Pavilion at the Briscoe Western Art Museum.

"*Night of Artists* is a celebration of contemporary Western art as a living genre and an opportunity to experience the work of the nation's most recognizable Western artists, at the largest art sale and show of its kind in Texas," says Briscoe Museum Executive Director Dr. Steven M. Karr.

This year's top-selling artist was **T.D. Kelsey** whose work, *Green Grass Good Mornin'*, sold for \$35,000. Other nationally recognized artists in attendance included **Sandy Scott, Logan Maxwell Hagege, Doug Hyde, Jerry Jordan, Ralph Oberg, Billy Schenck, Kent Ullberg, Kim Wiggins and Xiang Zhang**. The range of subjects reflects the vastness of the great American West from dreamy landscape vistas, to rugged frontier cowboys, historic missions, and detailed Native American subjects.

The 2014 **Briscoe Legacy Award** recipient was sculptor **Sandy Scott**, the event's first female honoree. Scott is an artist whose body of work has left a lasting impact upon the Western art world. "To be the recipient of this year's Briscoe Legacy Award is truly the highlight of my career," says Sandy Scott. "I am proud and honored to be included in a list of very talented artists who received this award before me." Previous Briscoe Legacy Award winners include Bill Owen, Martin Grelle, Howard Terpning, Clark Hulings, G. Harvey, Kent Ullberg and Ken Carlson.

Hundreds of paintings and sculptures are available for sale and are displayed on the second and third levels of the Jack Guenther Pavilion. Patrons can visit the exhibition with the purchase of Museum admission.

Night of Artists represents the Briscoe Western Art Museum's largest fundraiser with proceeds from the Art Sale used to support Briscoe Museum's mission to preserve and interpret the art, history, and culture of the American West. The exhibition coincides with San Antonio's largest annual cultural event, Fiesta, bringing more than 250,000 visitors to the Alamo City each year.

Night of Artists Award Winners

Artists' Choice Award: Blair Buswell; *How Many More*

Committee's Choice Award for 2-dimensional work: Michael Ome Untiedt; *On the Nueces Strip; Rangers and Another Heys Saddle*

Committee's Choice Award for 3-dimensional work: T.D. Kelsey; *Green Grass Good Mornin'*

Briscoe Museum Purchase Award: David Halbach; *Fortifying the South Breastwork*

Patron's Choice Award: Billy Schenck; *Mustangs Two Miles Out*

Briscoe Legacy Award: Sandy Scott

Museum Acquisitions

Gerald Balciar; *Canyon Princess*

Logan Maxwell Hagege; *Yesterday the Sky the Blue*

David Halbach; *Fortifying the South Breastwork*

T.D. Kelsey; *Green Grass Good Mornin'*

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 interprets 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 art deco/neo classical 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 designed by the nationally recognized architecture firm Lake|Flato and used for event rentals and programs; and the outdoor McNutt Courtyard & Sculpture Garden used for rentals and programs. The Museum opened to the public on October 26, 2013.

For more information about The Briscoe Western Art Museum visit our website at BriscoeMuseum.org, follow us on Twitter [@BriscoeMuseum](https://twitter.com/BriscoeMuseum) or 'Like' us on Facebook page at [Facebook.com/TheBriscoe](https://www.facebook.com/TheBriscoe).

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