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The Briscoe Western Art Museum Presents The Inaugural Yanaguana Indian Arts Market

San Antonio, TX (October 4, 2014)—The Briscoe Western Art Museum is celebrating Native American cultures and artistry with its inaugural Yanaguana Indian Arts Market, the first of its kind in Texas, Saturday, Oct. 4 to Sunday, Oct. 5.

More than 20 acclaimed Native American artists will showcase their unique art work, including basketry, jewelry, carvings, ledger art, beadwork and pottery. All pieces will be available to purchase.

The inaugural market will feature performances, artist demonstrations, and Native American-inspired food highlighting the unique traditions and cultures from which they developed.

The Briscoe Museum's Yanaguana (YAW-nuh-gwah-nuh) Indian Arts Market evokes the earliest known name for the San Antonio River that was given by the Payaya people who inhabited this region.

"We are pleased to establish a market that showcases the exceptional artistry of Native America in the heart of downtown and introduce this honored tradition to San Antonio," said Briscoe Museum's Interim Executive Director Jessica Elliott. "Visitors will have the chance to meet the artists, learn about their work and, best of all, take home a unique work of art to treasure and enjoy."

A juried competition will award prizes including Best of Show, Honorable Mention, and a coveted Purchase Award for an item to be accessioned into the Briscoe Museum collection.

"I talk to my jewelry when I make it," said Kewa jeweler Mary Koriz Lovato, a jeweler and one of the confirmed artists participating in the market. "After it's done, I say, whoever it may go to, may they have strength, may they have a good, happy life."



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Other confirmed artists include:

Jewelers - Anthony Lovato, and family
Expert Navajo weaver- Nanabah Aragon
Zuni jewelers - Veronica Poblano and family
Navajo woodcarver - Harry Benally
Basket weavers - Kelly Church (Ottawa/Chippewa)
Basket weaver - Lisa Telford (Haida)
Yaqui actor, jeweler and ledger artist - Michael Horse

Champion hoop dancer, Ty Defoe (Oneida/Ojibwe), will perform and engage the audience with storytelling. Hopi artist and musician Ed Kabotie will discuss Hopi culture and perform contemporary music from his One Man Jam. “My culture is the greatest inspiration of my music,” said Kabotie. “By mixing genres, languages, and instrumentation, I seek to express the virtues, values, and sometimes vices of my people.”

Visitors are encouraged to participate in the construction of a large interactive community basket and are invited to join docent-led tours focusing on contemporary American Indian art in the Briscoe Museum’s collection.

The Briscoe Western Art Museum abides by the Indians Arts and Crafts Act of 1990 which prohibits misrepresentation in marketing of Indian arts and crafts products within the United States.

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.

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