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The Briscoe Western Art Museum Announces 2016 *Night of Artists* Art Sale and Exhibition

Artist Reception & Preview: Friday, April 1

Art Sale, Dinner & Awards: Saturday, April 2

PUBLIC EXHIBITION & SALE: April 3 – May 15, 2016



Mark Kohler, *Center of the World*, Watercolor; Stefan Savides, *Opportunist*, Bronze;
Noe Perez, *Wildflower Pasture*, Oil on Canvas

(San Antonio, TX) ---The Briscoe Western Art Museum presents its 15th annual ***Night of Artists Art Sale & Exhibition*** featuring 70 of the country's top Western artists. Each year *Night of Artists* draws art enthusiasts, collectors, and visitors to the Briscoe Campus on the iconic San Antonio River Walk for a chance to view and purchase over 200 works from the best in contemporary Western art.

Opening weekend kicks off with a Friday night Artist Reception & Preview on April 1 followed by the Saturday evening Art Sale, Dinner & Awards on April 2. Both events include food, cocktails, purchase opportunities, and the chance to meet the artists. A public exhibition follows from April 3 to May 15 with all unsold art available for purchase. This year marks the introduction of cash prizes for all award-winning artists including the highly coveted Museum Purchase Award.

"Night of Artists has established itself as one of the country's premier showcases for contemporary Western Art," said Tom Livesay, Executive Director of the Briscoe. "The caliber of artists at this show remains exceptional and this year we are pleased to welcome new artists into the fold. The work will amaze."

Nationally recognized painters and sculptors include **T. D. Kelsey, Cliff Cavin, Terri Kelly Moyers, Bill Nebeker, Sandy Scott, Martin Grelle, Billy Schenck, Kent Ullberg** and **Kim Wiggins**. The range of



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subjects reflect the vastness of the great American West from dreamy landscape vistas, to rugged frontier cowboys, historic missions, and detailed Native American tableaus.

The Saturday night event will include the presentation of the Briscoe Museum Purchase Award and awards for Painting, Sculpture, Patrons' Choice, and Artists' Choice.

Night of Artists marks the largest fundraiser for the Briscoe Western Art Museum with a portion of the proceeds supporting the institution. The exhibition coincides with San Antonio's largest annual cultural event, Fiesta, which attracts more than 250,000 visitors to the Alamo City each year.

The *Night of Artists* Art Sale is a ticketed event. To reserve tickets and for sponsorship information, call 210.299.4499 or visit Briscoemuseum.org/night-of-artists

TICKETS:

Friday, April 1 – Artist Reception & Preview: \$125

5:30pm - 8:30pm

Includes: beer/wine/cocktails, hors d'oeuvres, exhibition preview, guarantee to purchase opportunity, and Briscoe Museum access

Saturday, April 2 - Art Sale, Dinner & Awards: \$200

5:30pm – 10:30pm

Includes: art sale with bid book, beer/wine/cocktails, buffet dinner, live entertainment

Briscoe Members receive a \$25 per ticket discount off the purchase of up to two (2) tickets, each night.

2016 *Night of Artists* Presenting Sponsors:
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The Briscoe Museum is located at 210 W. Market Street in downtown San Antonio, TX, on the banks of the famous River Walk