



THE BRISCOE
Western Art Museum

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BRISCOE WESTERN ART MUSEUM ANNOUNCES NEW EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

SAN ANTONIO, TX – The Briscoe Western Art Museum welcomes new Executive Director Tom Livesay, a proud Texan and museum leader with more than 40 years of museum experience, to lead our region's premier Western art museum.

The Briscoe Museum Board of Directors announced the selection of Livesay, who most recently was the Executive Director of the Louisiana State University (LSU) Museum of Art. Under his leadership, the LSU Museum of Art was accredited by the American Association of Museums, the highest national recognition for a museum.

"Following a national search, we are pleased to welcome Tom Livesay to lead the Briscoe Museum and we are eager to continue to build on our strong momentum as we enter our second year," said Debbie Montford, Chair of the Briscoe Museum Board of Directors. "The Briscoe is a thriving institution with a focus on growth and collaboration. We look forward to benefiting from his experience and record of success in leading established arts institutions which will be instrumental to our continued development."

Livesay will lead the strategic planning process for the Briscoe, with the goal of establishing the museum and its programming and exhibits as an educational and cultural resource for San Antonio and Texas.

"In its first year, the Briscoe Western Art Museum has already changed the cultural landscape in San Antonio and beyond. With the establishment of its distinguished lecture series, display of influential artists and collections—many who showed in San Antonio for the first time—and its immersion in the community, the Briscoe has demonstrated a strong commitment for the preservation and advancement of Western art and artists," said Livesay, a fourth-generation Texan. "It's my honor to lead the Briscoe, with a shared vision for continued success. Every Texan has a home in San Antonio and a place in our shared history. I invite them to discover the beauty of both at the Briscoe."



Livesay begins his new role at the Briscoe on Monday, Oct. 6. He succeeds Steven Karr, PhD., who oversaw the Briscoe completion and grand opening in 2013 and led the museum until his departure in June.

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. It is located along the San Antonio River Walk, its campus inclusive of a restored historic 1930s art deco/neo classical building which serves as the Museum space with galleries on three levels; the new, three-story Jack Guenther Pavilion used for event rentals and programs; and the outdoor McNutt Courtyard and garden used for rentals and programs. For more information about The Briscoe Western Art Museum, visit our website at <http://www.briscoemuseum.org>, follow us on Twitter @BriscoeMuseum or 'Like' us on Facebook at [Facebook.com/TheBriscoe](https://www.facebook.com/TheBriscoe).

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