

## **THE BRISCOE UNVEILS 2022 *NIGHT OF ARTISTS***

### **ANNUAL EXHIBITION AND SALE RETURNS TO FULL SCHEDULE TO CELEBRATE THE BEAUTY AND SPIRIT OF THE WEST**

***Collectors Summit and Opening Weekend Events: March 25-26***

***Public Exhibition and Sale: March 27 – May 8***

**San Antonio, TX –** (January 2022) The Briscoe Western Art Museum proudly welcomes Western artists and collectors to celebrate the vibrancy of Western art during the museum’s [2022 \*Night of Artists Exhibition and Sale\*](#), March 25-26 in San Antonio. With the opportunity to view and purchase nearly 300 new works of painting, sculpture and mixed media by 78 of the country’s leading contemporary Western artists, *Night of Artists* draws artists, collectors and art enthusiasts to the banks of the San Antonio River Walk for two days of festivities kicking off one of the premier Western art exhibitions and sales in the world. Beyond the opening celebration, *Night of Artists* is a public exhibition and sale that spans six weeks at the Briscoe, March 27 – May 8, and is included with general admission to the museum.

“After the last two years, which included the temporary closure of the museum and an online celebration of *Night of Artists*, the opportunity to celebrate the beauty and impact of the rich stories shared through Western art is especially welcome. Now more than ever, the importance of art in our lives cannot be understated and the fantastic artists and the remarkable works featured this year deserve to be celebrated,” said Michael Duchemin, President and CEO of the Briscoe Western Art Museum. “We are honored to work with a premier showcase of emerging and well-renowned contemporary Western artists and grateful to the collectors and buyers who recognize the quality of the works showcased.”

The [wide range of artworks](#) reflect the vastness of the great American West. From scenic landscapes and inspired Native Americans, classic cowboys and dazzling vaqueros to stunning wildlife and detailed portraiture, *Night of Artists* features something for every art enthusiast to enjoy. Some of the [featured artists](#) include Mary Ross Buchholz, C. Michael Dudash, Teresa Elliott, Martin Grelle, George Hallmark, Z.S. Liang, Kenny McKenna, Jan Mapes, Don Oelze, Paul Rhymer, Stefan Savides, Billy Schenck, Michael Ome Untiedt, Kim Wiggins and Xiang Zhang.

Notable new artists participating this year include Teal Blake, Nancy Cawdrey, Donna Howell-Sickles, Brenda Kingery, Dave LaMure, Jr., Joshua LaRock, Bruce Lawes and Jim Vogel.

*Night of Artists* serves as a fundraiser for the museum, benefiting the Briscoe's full array of exhibitions and programs throughout the year. The event's two-day opening weekend kicks off with the annual [Briscoe Bison Society Collectors Summit](#), where artists, collectors and gallery owners gather to share their insights during panel discussions and conversations exploring the Western art market and trends. The two-part summit takes place March 25 and March 26 at The Westin Riverwalk. Intended for everyone from novice to seasoned art collectors, the panels feature nationally recognized Western artists, experts and gallery owners.

The Exhibition Preview, Dinner and Live Auction unfolds March 25 with an evening of cocktails in the *Night of Artists* exhibition, an elegant seated dinner and a vivacious live auction. Conducted by Troy Black, the live auction features 32 separate works. The evening takes place in the Briscoe's Jack Guenther Pavilion on the banks of the San Antonio River Walk.

New to this year's schedule, the *Night of Artists* Awards Luncheon takes place March 26, honoring the artists in this year's exhibition and recognizing the [annual award winners](#).

*Night of Artists'* signature event, the Exhibition Opening, Art Sale and Reception, takes place March 26. This memorable evening includes the "Luck of the Draw" Art Sale, where works of art are available for purchase at a fixed price established by the artist. Attendees are provided with a ballot book and may place an intent to purchase slip in the box by a work of art they would like to purchase. When time expires, two slips are randomly drawn allowing the first drawee the opportunity to purchase the piece or pass it along to the second drawee. All the excitement happens to the tune of live music under the stars in the museum's McNutt Sculpture Garden.

[Tickets](#) for all *Night of Artists* events are available online or by calling 210.299.4499. The *Night of Artists* public exhibition will be on display during [regular museum hours](#) March 27 – May 8 and is included in museum admission. Works that are not sold through opening weekend will be available for purchase both in-person and online.

**About [The Briscoe Western Art Museum](#):** *Preserving and presenting 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, the Briscoe Western Art Museum is located on the San Antonio River Walk at 210 W. Market Street in the beautifully restored 1930s former San Antonio Public Library building. Named in honor of the late Texas Gov. Dolph Briscoe Jr. and his wife, Janey Slaughter Briscoe, the museum includes the three-story Jack Guenther Pavilion, used for event rentals and programs, and the outdoor McNutt Sculpture Garden. Follow the Briscoe on social media, @BriscoeMuseum.*