

## MEDIA ALERT

### ENJOY THE POETRY OF ART THE BRISCOE WESTERN ART MUSEUM



**The Poetry of Art: National Poetry Month  
Celebration and Reading  
Sunday, April 10, 2 – 4 p.m.  
The Briscoe Western Art Museum  
210 W. Market Street, San Antonio 78205**

**San Antonio, TX –** (April 2022) Celebrate National Poetry Month by enjoying an afternoon of poetry inspired by art as the Briscoe Western Art Museum hosts “[The Poetry of Art: National Poetry Month Celebration and Reading](#)” in honor of San Antonio’s 2022 Ekphrastic Poetry Contest on Sunday, April 10, 2 – 4 p.m. The free reading and celebration is part of National Poetry Month San Antonio and will be held in the Briscoe’s McNutt Sculpture Garden, 210 W. Market Street, San Antonio. Admission to the reading is free.

Showcasing poetry inspired by select artworks at the Briscoe Western Art Museum, the McNay Art Museum, Ruby City, the San Antonio Museum of Art and the Witte Museum, “The Poetry of Art” will feature local poet laureates reading their work and Jim LaVilla-Havelina, San Antonio’s National Poetry Month Coordinator, as well as adult and youth winners of San Antonio’s 2022 Ekphrastic Poetry Contest. Former San Antonio poet laureate Carmen Tafolla will read a poem inspired by a piece of art from the Briscoe, while other San Antonio poet laureates will be on hand to read their poems based on works from other local institutions. The pairings featured in this year’s ekphrastic poetry effort include: Jenny Browne, the McNay Art Museum; Jim LaVilla-Havelin, San Antonio Museum of Art; Octavio Quintanilla, the Witte Museum and current San Antonio Poet Laureate, Andrea Vocab Sanderson, Ruby City.

An ekphrastic poem is based on a piece of art, taking an existing piece of visual art and using written words to describe and expand on the theme of that work of art. Many of these poems explore hidden meanings or an underlying story. Each local art institution selected one work from their collection to feature in the 2022 Ekphrastic Poetry Contest for adult and youth poets. Selected from over 40 entries from San Antonio youth poets, and 72 entries from adult poets from San Antonio and South Texas, the 2022 winners and the artworks that inspired their poems include:

- **The Briscoe Western Art Museum, *With No Roof but a Resistol*, Bruce Greene.**

#### **Adult Winners:**

*Prairie Madness* by Jonathan Fletcher, San Antonio  
*These Old Bones* by Diane Gonzales Bertrand, San Antonio

**Youth Winners:**

*The Rising Sun* by Katharine Porter, Karnes City, TX (Youth 13+)

- **The McNay Art Museum**, *The Sole Sitter*, Willie Cole.

**Adult Winners:**

*6:37 PM* by Amy Lewis, San Antonio  
*Sole Sitter I* by Bett Butler, San Antonio  
*Kicks* by W. A. "Bill" Coggins, San Antonio

**Youth Winners:**

*Footprints of Knowing* by Theo Crump, San Antonio (Youth 13+)  
*The Cabinet by the Door* by Catherine Day, San Antonio (Youth 13+)  
*Waste* by Catherine Day, San Antonio (Youth 13+)

- **Ruby City**, *Hub, 3<sup>rd</sup> Floor, Union Wharf, 23 Wenlock Road, London N1 7ST UK*, Do Ho Suh.

**Adult Winners:**

*Pop-Pop's Hallway* by Robert J. Cavazos, Converse, TX  
*Genius loca* by Pablo Miguel Martinez, San Antonio

**Youth Winner:**

*Hub, 3<sup>rd</sup> Floor, Union Wharf, 23 Wenlock Road, London N1 7ST, UK* by Aarav Gedala, San Antonio (Youth 13+)

- **San Antonio Museum of Art**: *Landscape of Four Seasons*, Unkoku Togan.

**Adult Winners:**

*Haiku for Landscape of Four Seasons* by Veronica Morrison, San Antonio  
*After Unkoku Togan's Landscape of Four Seasons* by Mark Heinlein, San Antonio

**Youth Winners:**

*Ever-Changing* by Ariana Chaudhary, San Antonio (Youth 13+)  
*Memory* by Pia Nathani, San Antonio (Youth to age 12)  
*Landscape of the Four Seasons* by Isabel Brown, San Antonio (Youth 13+)

- **The Witte Museum**, *Carretta Wheel from a Tejano Freighter*.

**Adult Winners:**

*Abuelo's First Job* by Diane Gonzales Bertrand, San Antonio  
*A Wheelwright* by Milton Jordan, Georgetown, TX

## **Showcasing Art and Artifacts of the West**

From its McNutt Sculpture Garden to the museum's beautifully restored historic home inside the former San Antonio Public Library building, the Briscoe's collection spans 14 galleries, with special exhibitions, events and a fantastic Museum Store, providing art, culture, history and entertainment. Museum hours, parking and admission details are available [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.*