

LOOK WEST FOR THE PERFECT END TO SUMMER

Artist Paint-along and Free Admission Highlight Exhibition's Closing Weekend

The Sons of Charlie Russell: Cowboy Artists of America On View through Sept. 5

San Antonio, TX – (August 2022) The Briscoe's fantastic summer exhibition [*The Sons of Charlie Russell: Cowboy Artists of America*](#) is about to ride off into the sunset, but closing weekend offers the opportunity for everyone to saddle up, paint-along and enjoy the West. And thanks to the Briscoe's array of Labor Day weekend admission offers – including free admission for locals and active duty military – there's never been a better time to head west.

Including works from 17 public and private collections, ***The Sons of Charlie Russell*** features 70 works of art showcasing the forefathers of Western art and how their great works provide foundations, traditions and ideals for today's contemporary artists. On view through Labor Day, the exhibition is the first and only time these works will be viewed together. Closing weekend includes a hands-on paint-along with cowboy artist Teal Blake, as well as the Briscoe's monthly Locals Day, a free admission day for all Bexar County residents.

- **Paint-along with Cowboy Artist Teal Blake**
Saturday, Sept. 3, 1 - 4 p.m.

Enjoy a [unique painting workshop](#) and leave with your own watercolor recreation of a Charlie Russell illustration. Guided by Cowboy Artist of America member artist Teal Blake, whose work is featured in ***The Sons of Charlie Russell***, you'll recreate a painting from one of the founding fathers of Western art in this hands-on workshop. Don't be intimidated by Blake's status as a professional artist: This workshop is designed for all levels, including beginners. This paint-along opportunity is expected to sell-out, so [early registration is suggested](#). The paint-along is \$45 for nonmembers and \$35 for [museum members](#). The registration fee includes supplies (watercolor kits, brushes, paper and supplies for cleaning). Aspiring cowboy artists are free bring their own supplies.

Howdy Neighbors: Enjoy Labor Day at the Briscoe and Bring Your Friends

To show how friendly the West is and to thank the San Antonio community for its continued support, the Briscoe Western Art Museum makes the first Sunday of each month "Locals Day," greeting locals with free general admission. Bexar County residents

can enjoy the Briscoe's Locals Day offer to see *The Sons of Charlie Russell* before the exhibition closes forever on Sept. 5.

Not a local? Through Labor Day, active duty military members and their families receive free admission to the museum through the Blue Star Museum initiative. The free admission program is available for those currently serving in the United States Military—Air Force, Army, Coast Guard, Marine Corps, Navy, and Space Force, members of the Reserves, National Guard, U.S. Public Health Commissioned Corps, NOAA Commissioned and up to five family members. Year-round, retired and former members of the military also received discounted admission.

Labor Day weekend is also Bank of America Museums on Us, allowing Bank of America, Merrill Lynch and U.S. Trust cardholders to gain one free admission to the museum. Through Museums for All, recipients of SNAP, WIC, and MAP receive free general admission to the museum through Museums for All. The Briscoe is always free for children 12 and under, making it affordable for families to head west together.

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

Admission is always free for children 12 and under and for active duty military members. The museum is proud to participate in Museums For All, Blue Star Museums and Bank of America Museums on Us. The Briscoe is located on the south end of the River Walk, near the Arneson River Theatre and La Villita, with convenient parking at the Riverbend Garage directly adjacent to the museum or one of many downtown surface lots. Museum hours, parking and admission details are available [online](#).

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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.*