

## JUDGE NELSON WOLFF AND TRACY WOLFF TO RECEIVE THE BRISCOE LEGACY AWARD

### *Fifth Annual Celebration Honors the Couple's Contributions to the Community, Advocacy and Volunteerism*

**San Antonio, Texas –** (October 2022) The Briscoe Western Art Museum proudly announces that Bexar County Judge Nelson Wolff and his wife Tracy Wolff are the 2022 recipients of the museum's annual Dolph & Janey Briscoe Legacy Award. Established to celebrate the philanthropic spirit of the museum namesakes, the late Texas Governor Dolph Briscoe, Jr. and his wife Janey Slaughter Briscoe, the award recognizes generous contributions, advocacy, and volunteerism. The Wolffs' commitment to philanthropy has significantly impacted the Briscoe Western Art Museum, as well as the San Antonio and South Texas communities. The award will be presented at a celebration luncheon in the Jack Guenther Pavilion at the Briscoe on October 19.

Preserving and presenting the art, history and culture of the American West and showcasing the history and stories of the people who carved their lives out of that rugged frontier lies at the heart of the Briscoe Western Art Museum. The museum's namesakes, Texas Governor Dolph Briscoe, Jr., and his wife Janey Slaughter Briscoe, envisioned a museum that would share the story of Western heritage and the people behind that story.

"From their role in helping bring the Briscoe to life on the River Walk to their continuous championing of San Antonio and Bexar County overall, the Wolffs embody the core values the Briscoes demonstrated every day. The museum is deeply grateful for both Judge Wolff's and Tracy's dedication and advocacy," said Michael Duchemin Ph.D., President and CEO of the Briscoe Western Art Museum. "Their combined efforts across San Antonio and South Texas truly reflect what the impact can be when people dedicate themselves to community service and philanthropy. We are grateful for all they have done for both the Briscoe and our community as a whole."

Judge Wolff has represented Bexar County in various political offices since 1971, when he was elected to the Texas House of Representatives. Thereafter, he was elected to the Texas Senate, the San Antonio City Council, and served as Mayor of San Antonio. He currently serves as Bexar County Judge, a position he was appointed to in 2001 and has since been elected to five times. Only the second person in more than a century to serve as both Mayor of San Antonio and Bexar County Judge, Judge Wolff works to promote and improve economic and workforce development in Bexar County. He also led the development and creation of BiblioTech, the nation's first all-digital public library which now serves the community through three main branches, as well as the library portal at the Briscoe.

Founder of the Hidalgo Foundation, Tracy Wolff has been a community volunteer and fundraiser focusing primarily on child and family issues for more than two decades. Tracy founded the Hidalgo Foundation of Bexar County and has served as its President ever since. Originally charged with raising private, philanthropic funds toward the restoration and renovation of the Bexar County Courthouse, the oldest and largest historic courthouse in continuous operation in Texas, Tracy worked beyond that goal for even greater impact. Because of her personal commitment to children, she included in the fundraising goal the construction of two child abuse and neglect courts as well as additional support areas. Because of her efforts, the Bexar County Children's Courts are the first of its kind in Texas, second of its kind in the country, and were named the model for the nation by the William & Mary Law School's Courtroom 21 Project. As the First Lady of Bexar County, Tracy joined Judge Wolff, in the creation of BiblioTech.

Previous Legacy Award honorees include the inaugural recipient, Debbie Montford (2017), as well as Gloria and Fully Clingman (2018) Valerie and Jack Guenther (2019) and the family of Ruth McLean Bowman Bowers (2021).

2022 Legacy Award Luncheon chairs include Nancy Loeffler, Jane Macon and Debbie Montford, all members of the Briscoe's Board of Directors. The award itself will be presented to the Wolffs by The Honorable John T. Montford, the Chairman of the Briscoe's Board of Directors and a former member of the Texas State Senate (District 28). Montford is also a former chancellor of the Texas Tech University System.

### **Bringing the West to Life on the River Walk**

Founded in 2013, the Briscoe is an oasis of Western beauty just off the River Walk, with its McNutt Sculpture Garden and the museum grounds featuring 33 sculptures portraying various aspects of Western life. Inside 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 shop, providing art, culture, history and entertainment.

The Briscoe is open Thursday through Monday, 10 a.m. – 5 p.m. and closed to the public on Tuesdays and Wednesdays. Admission is 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](#).

**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.*