

SUN'S OUT, FUN'S OUT AT THE BRISCOE WITH ART, COWBOYS AND ALIENS

*Keep Cool at the Briscoe with Summer Movie Series,
Artist Demonstrations and Hands-On Activities*

Free National Day of the Cowboy Celebration Saturday, July 22

San Antonio, TX – (June 2023) No matter how hot it gets, it's always cool to head west at the Briscoe Western Art Museum thanks to programming that includes aliens, art, live music and cowboy fun, along with a summer exhibition that includes hands-on learning. Add in monthly free Locals Days and free educational activities, then saddle up for the museum's free annual National Day of the Cowboy celebration on July 22, and there's something for all ages to enjoy at the Briscoe.

Spend Your Summer in the Southwest, No Travel Required

Explore the Southwest influence on Western art during [Southwest Rising: Contemporary Art and the Legacy of Elaine Horwitch](#) through September 4. The summer exhibition celebrates one of the most powerful and influential art dealers in the Southwest. Horwitch fostered "new Western art" or "Southwest pop" – art based on popular culture – launching the careers of hundreds of artists.

Paired with guiding questions throughout the exhibition, a hands-on section of **Southwest Rising** highlights a variety of the experimental styles used by the artists, helping visitors define and recognize an artist's use of color, perspective and abstract art techniques. Visitors learn about the growth of the Western art scene in the Southwest and can experiment with making art with felt and magnets, as well as seeing how perspective, light and color can change a scene. And everyone can create a masterpiece of their own in a creative class with one of the featured artists.

- **Create Art on Wood: Art Class with *Southwest Rising* Artist Mark McDowell**
Saturday, July 8, 1 – 3 p.m. \$25 for nonmembers, \$20 for museum members

Southwest Rising artist Mark McDowell leads guests in creating a Texas work of art with colored pencils on wood, his preferred technique. Join in the fun, follow McDowell's lead and take home bluebonnets, a cowboy hat or cowboy boots colored on wood. Based in Scottsdale, Arizona, McDowell's been featured in more than 40 one-man shows and numerous group exhibitions in museums, art centers and galleries across the United States and Europe. His work is in many public, corporate and private collections. Class size is limited, so [register today to ensure your spot!](#) All skill levels are welcome, and supplies are included with registration. And members of the museum enjoy free parking for the event!

Art-FULL Summer: Painting Session

Enjoy painting sessions led by energetic and charismatic international artist Gio DiZurita. Based in San Antonio, DiZurita tells stories through her art, an everlasting transformation of life experiences.

- **Create Together: Painting with Gio Date Night at the Briscoe**

Thursday, July 13, 6:30 – 8:30 p.m.

Let love and creativity bloom during a hands-on date night. Create a work of art during a relaxing evening sipping beer and wine. Couples will enjoy a creative painting adventure, creating a Western scene in acrylic on an 11 x 14 canvas. Tickets are \$45, or \$35 for museum members. [Registration is per person](#) and includes beer, wine and all supplies. The class size is limited, so register today to ensure your spot.

Summer Movie Fun in the Really Wild West: Where Cowboys and Aliens Meet

Can Science Fiction and Western film genres exist together? Of course – it's the movies! The Briscoe's [Summer Movie Series](#) explores films that merge these two unique and contrasting styles on the third Sunday of July and August. A short presentation begins at 1 p.m., followed immediately by the screening. Each movie is included in general museum admission, with free brews courtesy of Ranger Creek Brewery. Popcorn, drinks and snacks will be available for purchase. Pre-registration is encouraged to save your seat.

- **Briscoe Summer Film Series: *Cowboys & Aliens***

Sunday, July 16, 1 – 4 p.m., included with museum admission

Join the Briscoe for the second film in the summer “Western Sci-Fi” series, director Jon Favreau’s (“Iron Man,” “The Mandalorian”) science fiction Western action film “Cowboys & Aliens” (2011). Based on a graphic novel of the same name, the movie has a star-studded cast that includes Daniel Craig, Olivia Wilde, Sam Rockwell, and Harrison Ford. The movie will follow a short presentation discussing the crossover of the genres of Western film and science fiction. [Pre-registration is encouraged to ensure your seat.](#)

- **Briscoe Summer Film Series: *Nope***

Sunday, August 20, 1 – 4 p.m.

Say “nope” to the dog days of summer by enjoying a cool movie at the Briscoe, a Western Sci-Fi horror film from director Jordan Peele (“Us,” “Get Out”), “Nope” (2022). A family that trains and handles horses for film and television productions wrangles something they have never encountered before in a movie that will give you chills. Enjoy this fun flick, popcorn and free beer courtesy of Ranger Creek Brewing. A short presentation discussing the elements of Western films and emerging Black cinema will precede the film. [Pre-registration is encouraged to ensure your seat.](#)

Add Some STEAM to Your Summer: Hands-on Learning

The Briscoe's free monthly education series “[Full STEAM Ahead](#)” sprinkles educational fun into the summer the first Sunday of each month. Learners of all ages work together and

learn about the American West by engaging in STEAM (Science, Technology, Engineering, the Arts and Mathematics) learning experiences. Full STEAM Ahead is designed for all ages to enjoy, making it a terrific family activity. Enjoy STEAMing with your family 1 p.m. – 3 p.m. on the first Sunday of every month at the Briscoe – the same day [that locals are welcome to enjoy the museum for free](#). Summer 2023 Full Steam Ahead dates and topics include:

- **July 2: Full STEAM Ahead – Tools of the (Cattle) Trade**

The cattle industry is a vital part of the West. Hear more about the cattle industry and the simple machines cowboys used in their daily work, then create a simple machine using found and recyclable materials.

- **August 6: Full STEAM Ahead – Gone for the Winter**

Learn more about wildlife and the fall migration of hummingbirds. After a short presentation, families will have the opportunity to create a hummingbird feeder using found and recyclable materials.

- **September 3: Full STEAM Ahead – Art in the Sky**

Study the night sky through Kim Wiggins’ “Colonel Crockett’s Return to Cibolo Creek.” After a short study of the painting, everyone will create a bedroom planetarium to take home.

Free Cowboy Fun: National Day of the Cowboy Celebration

Tippin’ its hat and celebrating the legacy of the cowboy, cowgirl and vaquero, the Briscoe Western Art Museum presents its annual National Day of the Cowboy celebration on Saturday, July 22, 10 a.m. – 4 p.m. at the Briscoe. The free community event, which includes free admission to the museum and its exhibitions, features indoor and outdoor activities for cowpokes of all ages, along with food and live music for a fantastic celebration on the banks of the River Walk. Saddle up with your family and head west for a day you won’t forget.

Music Under the Stars: Sips and Sounds in the Garden

Enjoy a night of music under the stars on the River Walk at the Briscoe’s “Sips and Sounds of the West” on August 4. San Antonio’s preeminent classic country cover band [The Texases](#) will fill the museum’s McNutt Sculpture Garden your favorite country hits from ‘66 to ‘96, perfect for a date night or a night out with friends in the heart of San Antonio. The ticketed event begins at 6:30 p.m. Sips and Sounds of the West [tickets](#) are \$15 for museum members and \$20 for nonmembers. The event is for ages 18+ and will feature a food truck and a cash bar.

Head West at the Briscoe This Summer

Highlighting the purely American art form of Western art, the Briscoe Western Art Museum celebrates the storied genre’s past, present and future through the art and artifacts in its permanent collection as well as through the range of exhibitions it features annually. An oasis of Western beauty just off the River Walk, the McNutt Sculpture Garden and the museum grounds feature 35 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 the Hendler Family Museum Store, 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 members of the military. The museum is proud to participate in Museums For All, Blue Star Museums and Bank of America Museums on Us. Admission is free for Bexar County residents on the first Sunday of each month.

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.*