

BACKGROUND: 2022 NIGHT OF ARTISTS

Collectors Summit and Opening Weekend Events: March 25-26

Public Exhibition and Sale: March 27 – May 8

One of the premier Western art events in the world, the Briscoe Western Art Museum's annual [Night of Artists](#) returns to its traditional two-day opening celebration in 2022, with a live auction, the popular "Luck of the Draw" sale, collectors summit and a new luncheon celebrating the talented award-winning artists and works of 2022. The public exhibition and fixed-price sale is March 27 – May 8.

Nurturing Western Art

What began 21 years ago as a single evening for collectors and enthusiasts to revel in the beauty of Western art planted the seed for the creation of the Briscoe Western Art Museum. *Night of Artists* sparked the idea, and the funding, to found the museum on the banks of the San Antonio River in the heart of San Antonio's historic River Walk. The location is fitting: cattle from across Southern Texas once moved through San Antonio. The Briscoe proudly claims "The West Starts Here" and extends westward from San Antonio's location on the 98th meridian.

An essential component of the Briscoe's annual programming and its largest annual fundraising event, *Night of Artists* now benefits the Briscoe's full array of exhibitions and educational programs, allowing the museum to nurture the understanding and appreciation of Western Art all year long.

Top Contemporary Western Artists

From scenic landscapes to inspired Native Americans, classic cowboys and vaqueros, as well stunning wildlife and detailed portraiture, *Night of Artists* offers something for every art collector and enthusiast to enjoy. The 2022 event continues its storied tradition of featuring a [wide range of artworks](#) from the genre's top [artists](#). *Night of Artists* features nearly 300 new works of painting, sculpture and mixed media by 78 leading contemporary Western artists. Featured artists include 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.

[Images of many of this year's works](#) may be viewed online. The list of participating 2022 artists includes:

William Alther
Gerald Balciar
Teal Blake*
Mary Ross Buchholz
Nancy Bush
Shawn Cameron
Caroline Korbell Carrington
William Carrington
Cliff Cavin
Nancy Cawdrey*
Bruce Cheever
Tim Cherry
Michael Coleman
Nicholas Coleman
Todd Connor
Brent Cotton
John DeMott
Mick Doellinger
Mikel Donahue
C. Michael Dudash
Barry Eisenach
Teresa Elliott
Deborah Copenhaver Fellows
Luke Frazier
Martin Grelle
Brian Grimm
Enrique Guerra
Abigail Gutting
George Hallmark
Sherry Harrington
William Haskell
Matthew Hillier
Donna Howell-Sickles*
Chris Hunt
Greg Kelsey
Brenda Kingery*
Mark Kohler
Joe Kronenberg
Dave LaMure, Jr.*
Joshua LaRock*
Bruce Lawes*

Z. S. Liang
Jan Mapes
Bonnie Marris
Curt Mattson
Kenny McKenna
Mark McKenna
Krystii Melaine
Brenda Murphy
Chris Navarro
Bill Nebeker
Ralph Oberg
Don Oelze
Chad Poppleton
Howard Post
Paul Rhymer
Gary Lynn Roberts
Alfredo Rodriguez
Julia Rogers
Gladys Roldán-de-Moras
Stefan Savides
Billy Schenck
Sandy Scott
Jason Scull
Kelly Singleton
Mian Situ
Adam Smith
Ezra Tucker
Echo Ukrainetz
Ron Ukrainetz
Kent Ullberg
Michael Ome Untiedt
Randy Van Beek
Jim Vogel*
Kim Wiggins
Jeremy Winborg
Greg Woodard
Xiang Zhang

**Asterisks denote new participating artists.*

Be a Part of *Night of Artists*

[Two full days of festivities](#) make it easy join in the fun and excitement of the 2022 *Night of Artists*. An evening not to miss is the Exhibition Preview, Dinner and Live Auction unfolding March 25 with 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.

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 not sold during the *Night of Artists* opening weekend will be available for purchase through the exhibition's fixed-price sale.

Briscoe Bison Society Presents the Fifth Annual Collectors Summit

A key aspect of *Night of Artists* is the opportunity to gather, learn and foster greater understanding and appreciation of Western art. 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 led by Michael Clawson, Executive Editor of "Western Art Collector" Magazine. Everyone from novice to seasoned art collectors and enthusiasts will enjoy the discussions that are free for *Night of Artists* sponsors, ticketholders and members of the museum, though space is limited and must be reserved in advance.

The first session on Friday, March 25, "Headin' Out", will explore the journey as novice buyers of Western art begin making the transition from buyers to collectors. An art collection is an intentional accumulation of works centered around a theme. At first, collectors simply buy whatever they like, exploring their tastes and interests. Then a pattern begins to emerge, centering their collection around a theme. Panelists Jeremy Winborg, Katherine Hlavin and Mark Sublette will explore the changing nature of the Western art market as it relates to long-time collectors who are perhaps reaching their zenith.

The second session on Saturday, March 26, will explore the changing nature of the Western art market as it relates to long-time collectors who are perhaps reaching their zenith. As collectors begin “headin’ in” from their journey, what should they expect as they begin to transfer or sell their collections? Panelists include George Hamilton, Julie Sasse, and Katherine Halligan.

Honoring the Best of the Best: Awards Luncheon

While every work featured in the exhibition and sale is stunning, each year, the Briscoe recognizes the best in show from *Night of Artists*. Awards include the Briscoe Museum Purchase Award, where the winning work is purchased for the museum’s permanent collection. The remaining awards are named in honor of heroes of the Battle of the Alamo, a nod to the museum’s San Antonio home: the Sam Houston Award for Painting, the James Bowie Award for Sculpture, the David Crockett Award for Artists’ Choice and the William B. Travis Award for Patrons’ Choice Choice sponsored by “Western Art Collector” Magazine. This year’s talented artists will be honored at a luncheon on Saturday, March 26.

The Sam Houston and James Bowie Awards represent “Best in Show” recognition, chosen by the Briscoe’s Art Selection Committee, an anonymous panel of Western art collectors and enthusiasts who are deeply involved with the museum. The David Crockett and William B. Travis awards are selected by fellow artists and show patrons. This year’s awards will be revealed during the luncheon.

Night of Artists Sponsors and Underwriters

As a nonprofit institution, the Briscoe could not operate without the generous support of its patrons, sponsors and underwriters. The funds raised through *Night of Artists* benefit the Briscoe’s full array of exhibitions, public engagement and educational programs throughout the year, allowing the museum to meet its mission and nurture the understanding and appreciation of Western art. The museum is grateful to this year’s *Night of Artists* [sponsors](#) for their support of the museum’s mission. Western Art Title Sponsors for 2022 include the Klesse Foundation, the Plum Foundation, and Debbie and John T. Montford

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Celebrate the West Year-Round at the Briscoe

An oasis of Western beauty just off the River Walk, the McNutt Sculpture Garden and the museum grounds feature 32 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 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.*