

SIZZLING SUMMER FUN AT THE BRISCOE INCLUDES ART, ALIENS, COWBOYS AND MORE

*Movie Series, Artist Demonstrations and Hands-On Activities
Give Summer a Western Flair*

SOUTHWEST RISING: CONTEMPORARY ART AND THE LEGACY OF ELAINE HORWITCH On View May 26 – Sept. 4

San Antonio, TX – (May 2023) Hands-on fun, free family activities and saddling up with sci-fi fill the summer with art and adventure at the Briscoe Western Art Museum. The Briscoe is hosting an array of programming to explore the Southwest influence on Western art during [Southwest Rising: Contemporary Art and the Legacy of Elaine Horwitch](#) May 26 – September 4.

The summer exhibition celebrates one of the most powerful and influential art dealers in the Southwest. Horwitch was responsible for launching the careers of hundreds of artists and was a leader in fostering “new Western art” or “Southwest pop.” During the exhibition, **Southwest Rising** artists will demonstrate their techniques and lead sessions where everyone can create a masterpiece of their own. Along with artist talks, monthly hands-on learning, free Locals Days and the museum’s annual National Day of the Cowboy celebration on July 22, there’s something for everyone to enjoy. The summer line-up includes:

Spend Your Summer in the Southwest

To mark **Southwest Rising**’s opening, the Briscoe is [hosting a preview party on May 25](#), followed by opening weekend events that feature both the exhibition curator and artists featured in **Southwest Rising**. [Opening weekend events include:](#)

- **Creating a Scene: Artists and Art at Elaine Horwitch Galleries**
A Conversation between Dr. Julie Sasse, Lisa Sherman Wade and Brian Blount
Saturday, May 27, 1 – 2 p.m., included with museum admission

Join us for a conversation with **Southwest Rising** curator Dr. Julie Sasse, Chief Curator at the Tucson Museum of Art, Lisa Sherman Wade, art writer, critic and widow of **Southwest Rising** artist Bob “Daddy-O” Wade, and **Southwest Rising** artist Brian Blount.

Many of Elaine Horwitch’s key artists entertained Horwitch and her clients with their bold personalities, exciting new images, and ability to attract collectors, museums, and the press alike. Sasse worked as Horwitch’s gallery director for 14 years, Wade was a noted art critic who wrote for regional and national magazines about the top artists in New Mexico

in the 1980s, and Blount was one of the artists Horwitch featured in her galleries. They will share some of the legendary stories about Horwitch and her galleries while reflecting on the art scene in the Southwest.

- **The Color of Light with *Southwest Rising***

Saturday, May 27, 11 a.m. – 1 p.m., included with museum admission

[Celebrate the opening of *Southwest Rising*](#) by exploring the way light and color interact with one another. In the exhibition's interactive gallery, visitors can construct a display that will allow them to experiment with how light can change the way our eyes see color. This hands-on program is family-friendly, and all ages are welcome. Children 12 and under always receive free admission to the Briscoe.

- ***Southwest Rising* with Masoud Yasami**

Saturday, June 10, Conversation, 11 a.m. included with museum admission

Cloud Painting, 1 – 2:30 p.m. \$45 for nonmembers, \$35 for museum members

Join ***Southwest Rising*** artist Masoud Yasami for a conversation about his painting techniques, humorous details about his works and a bit of art history. Known for abstract multi-dimensional works dealing with space, color, illusionism of balance and chaos, Yasami's works feature classical objects, clouds and skies painted to appear as wall reliefs.

Then enjoy a hands-on creative session with Yasami leading guests in a fun and creative workshop of Cloud Painting. Guests will see their canvas come to life with bright colors and leave with a work of art. Class size is limited, so [register today to ensure your spot](#)! All skill levels are welcome and supplies are included with registration.

- ***Southwest Rising* with 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 work of art with colored pencils on wood, his preferred technique. 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.

Art-FULL Summer: Painting Sessions

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. Two summer dates include:

- **Father's Day Fun: Painting with Gio**

Saturday, Jun 17, 10 a.m. – Noon, 2 – 4 p.m.

Bring your dad jokes and have some hands-on fun! Fathers and their children (5 years or older) can enjoy [a creative and fun family painting adventure](#), creating a Western scene in acrylic on an 11 x 14 canvas. Tickets are \$45, or \$35 for museum members. Registration is needed for each participant over the age of 12 and includes all supplies. The class size is limited, so register early to ensure your space.

- **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 under the stars. Create a work of art during a relaxing evening sipping beer and wine in the museum's McNutt Sculpture Garden. 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 June, 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: *Wild Wild West***

Sunday, June 18, 1 – 4 p.m., included with museum admission

Bring your dad to the Briscoe to enjoy a laidback afternoon of Western movies at the Briscoe as we sit back and revisit the Western steampunk masterpiece, “Wild Wild West” (1999) by director Barry Sonnenfeld (“Adams Family”, “Men In Black”). Loosely adapted from the 1960s television series, “The Wild Wild West”, the film stars Will Smith and Kevin Kline – who plays two roles, including President Ulysses S. Grant. The film also boasts an original film score by Western film score veteran Elmer Bernstein. A short presentation discussing the elements of Western films and steampunk kicks things off. [Pre-registration is encouraged to ensure 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 has to wrangle 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:

- **June 4: Full STEAM Ahead – Add Lightning to your Art**

Learn about how electrical currents, including lightning, work. After a short presentation, create a piece of art with a light feature, then make the art glow by creating a paper circuit.

- **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. Saddle up with your family and head west for a day you won't forget.

Head West at the Briscoe This Summer

Highlighting the purely American art form of Western art, the Briscoe Western Art Museum celebrates the past, present and future of the storied genre 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. 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.

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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.*