

## “NIGHT OF ARTISTS” SHOWCASES THE BEST OF TODAY’S CONTEMPORARY WESTERN ART – AND IT’S ALL FOR SALE

*The Briscoe’s Annual Exhibition Features More than 280 Works  
for Viewing and Purchase through May 5*

**San Antonio, TX – (April 2024)** It’s not often you can visit a museum exhibition and purchase a work on display. But that’s exactly what fuels the Briscoe Western Art Museum’s annual [Night of Artists Exhibition and Sale](#). More than 280 new works of painting, sculpture and mixed media by [86 of today’s top Western artists](#) are on display – and available for purchase. Once the exhibition concludes, the works go to their new homes, making **Night of Artists** the only opportunity to view these stunning works.

Whether it’s scenic landscapes, stunning wildlife sculptures, inspired Native American portraiture or colorful depictions of vaqueros and charreadas, the array of Western stories captured and shared through [Night of Artists](#) is reflective of the vast beauty of the American West. The exhibition and sale can be enjoyed during [museum hours](#) through May 5 and is included in museum admission. But you don’t have to visit to enjoy the exhibition or make a purchase: the entire gallery is available [online](#), or you can [tour the exhibition virtually](#).

The exhibition also recognizes “best in show” works annually. This year’s winners include:

- **Sam Houston Award for Painting**  
Morgan Weistling, “High Stakes”, 2024, Oil on linen, 18 x 30 in.
- **James Bowie Award for Sculpture**  
Walter Matia, “West With the Night”, 2022, Bronze, 35 x 28 x 18 in.
- **David Crockett Award for Artists’ Choice**  
Eric Bowman, “Wicked Felina”, 2023, Oil on panels, 24 x 20 in. each, 69 x 67 in. folding screen
- **William B. Travis Award for Patrons’ Choice**  
Ed Natiya, “Stories of Our People”, 2023, Bronze, 54 x 48 x 36 in.
- **The Briscoe Museum Purchase Award**  
Jim Vogel, “High Stakes – Pancho Villa loses his favorite rifle to Elfego Baca, then wants it back.”, 2023, Oil on canvas panels framed in antique saloon doors, 2 panels: 24 x 15 in., 2 panels, 5 1/4 x 15 in.

The Briscoe Museum Purchase Award recognizes a work chosen to be added to the Briscoe's permanent collection. At the conclusion of the **Night of Artists** exhibition, Jim Vogel, "High Stakes – Pancho Villa loses his favorite rifle to Elfego Baca, then wants it back", will be added to the Briscoe's permanent collection.

The Sam Houston and James Bowie Awards represent "Best in Show" recognition, chosen by the **Night of Artists** Art Selection Committee, an anonymous panel of Western art collectors who are deeply involved with the museum. The David Crockett and William B. Travis awards are selected by fellow artists and show patrons respectively. This year's award winners are highlighted [online](#).

### **Wide Range of Western Artists**

The 2024 exhibition continues its storied tradition of featuring today's top Western artists. [Participating artists](#) this year include Billy Schenck, Don Oelze, Z.S. Liang, John Coleman, C. Michael Dudash, George Hallmark, Kim Wiggins, Jeremy Lipking, Bonnie Marris, Michael Ome Untiedt, Teresa Elliot, Jan Mapes, Kevin Red Star and Walter Matia.

Notable new artists and artists returning to the exhibition this year include Brandon Bailey, G. Russell Case, David Griffin, Jennifer Johnson, Huihan Liu, James Morgan, Ed Natiya, Scott Tallman Powers and Morgan Weistling.

### **Draw & Sip with An Award Winner: Charcoal Drawing with Artist Mary Ross Buchholz** **The Luminous Eye: Charcoal Drawing**

Apr. 11, 5:30 – 8 p.m., \$45, \$25 for museum members

Beauty is in the eye of the beholder, but how do you capture the beauty in a horse's eye? Acclaimed, award-winning artist [Mary Ross Buchholz](#) will demonstrate illustration techniques using charcoal to create realistic imagery, sharing how to artfully capture the eye of a horse. Enjoy a relaxing evening sipping beer, wine and a hands-on session designed for artists of all skill levels as Buchholz guides guests in creating their own work of art. Registration for this 21+ event is per person and includes beer, wine and all supplies. Class size is limited, so [register today](#) to secure your spot.

### **Showcasing Western Art in the Heart of San Antonio**

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. 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.*