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SAVE THE DATE - TEACHER APPRECIATION SPECIAL

THE BRISCOE TIPS ITS HAT TO TEACHERS WITH FREE ART, CULTURE AND HISTORY

Free Admission and Discounted Shopping for Teachers May 3-6

WHAT: In honor of Teacher Appreciation Week, teachers and educators can lasso art, culture and history for free at the Briscoe Western Art Museum May 3 – 6. Educators can simply present their school ID or proof of employment to receive free admission – and a 10% in the Briscoe's <u>Hendler Family Museum Store</u>.

"We are thrilled to extend this special offer to teachers as a way of saying thank you for their tireless dedication to education and their dedication to our community," said Liz Jackson, President and CEO of the Briscoe Western Art Museum. "We invite teachers to explore the rich history and cultural heritage of the American West through our collection of art, artifacts, and exhibitions – and we can't wait to welcome them back for the Briscoe's free school field trips and tours throughout the year."

The Briscoe offers free tours to students of all ages as well as an outreach program, educational materials and activity sheets to help educators <u>share the West with their students</u>.

The teacher appreciation special includes the closing weekend of the museum's <u>Night of Artists Exhibition and Sale</u>. From scenic landscapes and stunning sculptures to inspired Native Americans, vaqueros and charreadas, more than 280 works by today's top Western artists are on display through May 5. One of the premier Western Art exhibitions in the world, *Night of Artists* features new works of painting, sculpture and mixed media by 86 leading contemporary Western artists. Once the exhibition concludes, the works join private collections, making *Night of Artists* the only opportunity to view the collection.

WHERE: Briscoe Western Art Museum, 210 W. Market St., San Antonio

WHEN: May 3 – 6

Scheduled programming on Sunday, May 5 includes:

Locals Day: FREE Admission and Hands-on Fun, 10 a.m. – 5 p.m.

The Briscoe's "Locals Day" waives museum admission for San Antonio and Bexar County residents on the first Sunday of each month – and includes "Scout the Briscoe," a free scavenger hunt to help families explore and enjoy the museum's collection. May's scavenger hunt focuses on the museum's Night of Artists exhibition. Online registration for Locals Day is recommended.

• Full STEAM Ahead, 1 – 3 p.m.

The Briscoe's free monthly education series "Full STEAM Ahead" lets learners of all ages work together and learn about the American West by engaging in hands-on, STEAM (Science, Technology, Engineering, the Arts and Mathematics) experiences. Each activity ties back to the Briscoe's art and artifacts, bringing the West to life in a new way. May's program features Western Pop Art. After a short presentation, participants will create a Pop Art style work of art to take home. This family program is great for all ages.

More to See and Do at the Briscoe

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 a fantastic museum shop, providing art, culture, history and entertainment.

The Briscoe's regular hours are Thursday through Monday, 10 a.m. – 5 p.m., and closed to the public on Tuesdays and Wednesdays. During spring break, the museum will be open seven days a week, 10 a.m. – 5 p.m. Admission is free for children 12 and under and for active duty military members. Active duty family members and retired military receive discounted admission. 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.