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2025 NIGHT OF ARTISTS CELEBRATES THE BEST IN CONTEMPORARY WESTERN ART

Diverse Works from Renowned Artists – Including a New Small Works Sale – Available In-Person and Through Absentee Bidding

Opening Weekend March 28–29, Exhibition and Sale March 30 – May 11

SAN ANTONIO, TX – (March 2025) The Briscoe Western Art Museum proudly presents the **2025** *Night of Artists* **Exhibition and Sale**, a premier celebration of the American West and one of the nation's leading Western art events. Taking place Friday and Saturday, March 28–29, this year's event showcases over 270 exceptional works by more than 85 of today's top contemporary Western artists, drawing collectors, enthusiasts, and artists from across the country.

The <u>two-day celebration</u> includes exclusive collector experiences, artist demonstrations, a live auction and the highly anticipated Luck of the Draw sale. A public exhibition of the works follows, running March 30 – May 11. Limited tickets remain for Saturday, March 29. Art lovers are encouraged to <u>secure their spots</u> now. Can't attend? <u>Register to set-up absentee purchases</u>.

"Night of Artists is always our most anticipated event of the year. But the overwhelming interest in this year's event is a testament to the deep love of the American West – and the appreciation of the fantastic art that highlights the stories and traditions of our Western heritage and culture," said Liz Jackson, President and CEO of the Briscoe Western Art Museum. "We can't wait to welcome everyone and showcase the body of work presented by this year's artists. The exhibition is stunning, and we have no doubt that art enthusiasts will find works that compliment, or even kick-off, their collections."

New This Year: The Small Works Sale

For the first time, the Briscoe is featuring a <u>Small Works Sale</u>, offering collectors and art enthusiasts the chance to acquire smaller-scale pieces from renowned contemporary Western artists. These intimate, high-quality works will be available during the evening celebration on Friday, March 28, and buyers will be able to take their purchases home immediately. Whether you're a seasoned collector or just beginning your journey, this sale provides a rare opportunity to own an original piece of Western art in an accessible format.

Luck of the Draw: An Exciting Way to Collect

One of the most anticipated events of the weekend, the Luck of the Draw Sale, takes place Saturday, March 29 during the Grand Exhibition Opening. This exciting sale format ensures all buyers have an equal chance to acquire their preferred piece, as names are drawn at random to determine the order in which collectors may purchase artworks. This process creates a thrilling atmosphere and makes collecting more accessible to all attendees.

New This Year: Streamline and Greenlight Your Purchase

New this year, collectors can guarantee their purchase of select artworks through the addition of green "Guarantee to Purchase" ballots in the sale process. By submitting a "Guarantee to Purchase" ballot, buyers indicate their commitment to purchasing a specific piece, ensuring they secure their desired work without the uncertainty of the option period. This exciting new option provides greater confidence and flexibility for collectors looking to expand their collections with exceptional contemporary Western art.

Participate from Anywhere: Absentee Registration is Available

For those unable to attend in person, absentee options are available for all Night of Artists sales, including the Live Auction, Small Works Sale and Luck of the Draw Sale. This allows collectors worldwide to participate and acquire stunning works of Western art. Absentee purchasing registration closes at noon, Thursday, March 27. Everyone can tune into the live auction through a link on the <u>Night of Artists</u> website, while the <u>live auction gallery</u> is available for viewing now.

Featured Artists

The 2025 **Night of Artists** welcomes an <u>extraordinary lineup</u> of returning favorites and exciting new voices in Western art. New artists include Thomas Blackshear II, Sean Michael Chavez, Scott Christensen, Quang Ho, Josh Elliott, Dean Mitchell, T. Allen Lawson, Sally Maxwell, Kyle Ma, Matt Smith, Daniel Sprick, Dustin Payne and Vic Payne.

Artists returning to the celebrated exhibition and sale include Martin Grelle, John Coleman, Greg Beecham, Eric Bowman, G. Russell Case, Bonnie Marris, Teresa Elliott, William Haskell, Jeremy Lipking, Ed Natiya, Don Oelze, Howard Post, Grant Redden, Gladys Roldán-de-Moras, Billy Schenck, Jim Vogel, Morgan Weistling and Jeremy Winborg.

"The incredible talent at **Night of Artists** is what makes this event one of the most anticipated in the Western art world," said Jackson. "This year's lineup showcases the breadth and vibrancy of Western art today. We're honored to host such remarkable artists and share their work with our community."

Exhibition on Display through May 11

Following the opening weekend, the **Night of Artists** public exhibition and sale will remain on view through May 11, allowing visitors to experience and appreciate the

breathtaking collection of contemporary Western art. This extended exhibition offers an opportunity for those unable to attend the sale events to see the remarkable talent shaping today's Western art scene and purchase any remaining works. The exhibition is included in museum admission. Works not sold during opening weekend will be available for purchase both in-person and online. For tickets, absentee bidding and art sale information, visit briscoemuseum.org/noa or call 210.299.4499.

Located on the River Walk in San Antonio, the Briscoe Western Art Museum showcases the art, history, and culture of the American West through world-class exhibitions, engaging programs and its distinguished permanent collection.

About The Briscoe Western Art Museum: Dedicated to preserving and presenting the art, history, and culture of the American West, the Briscoe Western Art Museum is a vibrant hub for Western heritage. The museum's beautifully restored 1930s home on the San Antonio River Walk at 210 W. Market Street is the 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. Head West on social media, @BriscoeMuseum.