

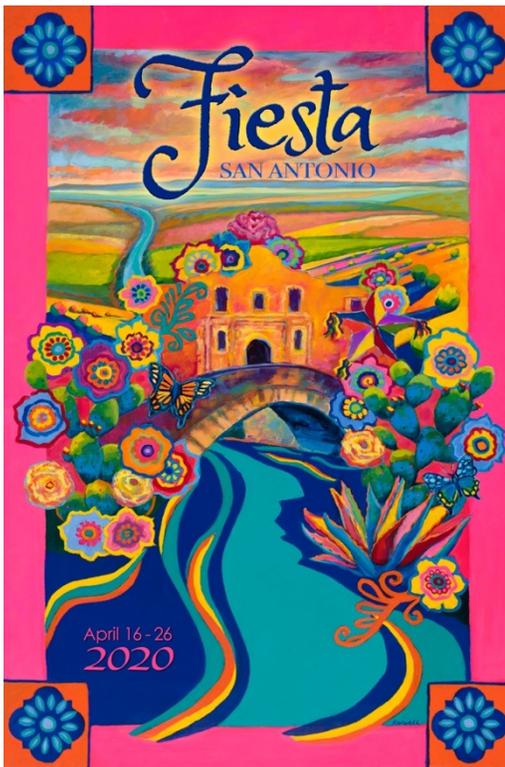


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FIESTA® SAN ANTONIO COMMISSION UNVEILS OFFICIAL FIESTA 2020 POSTER

2020 Fiesta San Antonio poster inspired by San Antonio's famous landmarks



SAN ANTONIO (October 30, 2019) – The San Antonio River with the Alamo, the Texas landscape and all the colors of Fiesta comprise the central image of next April's Fiesta San Antonio. The first glimpse was revealed tonight as hundreds of members and guests of the Fiesta San Antonio Commission gathered to see the unveiling of the Official 2020 Fiesta San Antonio Poster.

Local artist, **Caroline Korbell Carrington's** design was unveiled tonight at The Mays Family Center at the Witte Museum. Focusing on what makes San Antonio special, the 2020 Fiesta Poster, titled "Rio De La Vida" or "River of Life," celebrates the city's two most famous landmarks – the Alamo and the San Antonio River. Flowing through a gentle valley of rolling hills and cultivated fields, a bright blue river runs past the Alamo and under a rock bridge while the sun sets behind flaming clouds in a pastoral scene bursting with brilliantly colored butterflies and Mexican folk art flowers in vivid hues of pink, blue, green, yellow and orange.

"I decided to stick with what I know," Caroline Korbell Carrington says. "I'm a landscape painter; not a graphic artist. But I'm thrilled to be selected as the Fiesta poster artist. I've been a local artist for a long time so it's good to have the recognition. I wanted to show the nature of South Texas as well as the happiness and fun of Fiesta. I wanted the design to be inspirational. I see the flowers and butterflies

as symbols of hope and a new day. The colors are the bright and happy colors of Fiesta."

Her poster is framed by pink while the corners resemble blue-and-orange tiles with a geometric Mexican folk-art design. "I see this design used as an architectural element in a lot of places, such as the concrete blocks on overpasses in the city," she says. "It's just a part of San Antonio."

Carrington partly drew on her memories of being the Duchess of Russian Springs in the Court of Imperial Patronage during Fiesta 1992. The elaborately decorated train of her Coronation dress featured a river running through a pine and fir forest. "It was fun to have a landscape on my dress," Carrington recalls. "Fiesta has been part of my family for generations."

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The only landscape painter in her class at Texas Christian University, she focused on depicting the land she grew up loving on her family's Texas Hill Country ranch. After graduating from TCU in 1992, she spent time in New Mexico working alongside prominent landscape painters such as the late David Barbero. With her smooth lines and vibrant colors, Carrington's style blends elements of modernism and impressionism. But she is primarily influenced by the thick brush strokes and bold colors of Georgia O'Keeffe.

"I like the way her paintings seem to pop out of the frame with an almost three-dimensional effect, which I used in the poster design," Carrington says.

In her studio in northeast San Antonio, she paints large-scale canvases showing sweeping, panoramic views of the land and sky in South Texas. Color energizes her oil on canvas paintings, which tend more to reds and orange than the green of most landscape painters.

"An awareness of man's relationship with nature is a constant theme in my work," Carrington notes in her artist's statement. "I grew up in the Texas Hill Country where my creative spirit was nurtured, and I was given the space to imagine and create. The rugged beauty of the Southwest has captured my heart and senses like no other place in the world. The enchantment of the landscape has motivated every aspect of my life. The landscapes I paint are new and old places that have a magical, sacred quality. I want to share this quality with others."

In San Antonio, Carrington is represented by the Hunt Gallery. During Fiesta 2020, three of her paintings are featured in the Briscoe Museum's "The Night of Artists" exhibit on view March 27 to May 4, 2020.

The Official 2020 poster and poster merchandise (t-shirts, limited edition medal, and more) **are available online (www.fiestasanantonio.org)** and at **The Fiesta Store® beginning at 10 a.m. on October 31, 2019**. The only official Fiesta Store benefitting the nonprofit Fiesta San Antonio is located at 2611 Broadway, San Antonio, Texas 78215 and hours of operation are Monday – Friday, 10 a.m. to 6 p.m., and Saturdays, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

To access an image of the Official 2020 Fiesta Poster and portrait of the winning artist, you can visit the Media Toolbox [here](#).

For more information, visit www.fiestasanantonio.org. **Fiesta 2020 takes place April 16-26! Viva Fiesta!**

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About the Fiesta San Antonio Commission

The Fiesta® San Antonio Commission Inc. is a nonprofit, volunteer, self-supporting organization that plans, promotes, coordinates, and preserves Fiesta® San Antonio through support of its Participating Member Organizations in presenting a safe, educational, annual celebration of the diverse heritage, culture and spirit of San Antonio for its residents and visitors.

Fiesta® San Antonio is a fusion of arts, heritage and culture and culminates every year in April— to honor the memory of the heroes of the Alamo and the Battle of San Jacinto. Taking place over 11 days each April, Fiesta literally has something for everyone with more than 110 events ranging in highlights from music, food, sports and pageantry to military and patriotic observances, exhibits, parades, Fiesta® Royalty and more.

Fiesta is also the best way to have fun while giving back because when you attend any of the Official Fiesta events, you are supporting the missions of more than 100 local nonprofit organizations. Those nonprofit organizations spend the rest of the year giving back to the community of San Antonio.