

*Chalk-the-Block:
El Paso's First Public Art Festival*

The City of El Paso's Museums and Cultural Affairs Department will host the first *Chalk-the-Block* Public Art Festival to be held on June 21st from 12pm to 6pm, at the Arts Festival Plaza, located next to the El Paso Museum of Art in downtown El Paso. Admission will be **FREE!**

“The event will showcase a group of selected professional and emergent artists, who will be using chalk to create works of art on the city sidewalks of downtown El Paso,” said Patricia Dalbin, Public Art Program Coordinator for the City of El Paso. “This will be a great opportunity to see art work created right before your eyes!”

Chalk-the-Block will also host fun events for people of all ages, including the outdoor appearance of the Art and Sol Project at Cleveland Square Park, a KIDZONE & an interactive chalk area, face painting, art vendors, and great food!

Festival guests will stroll down Arts Festival Plaza and discover El Paso's art scene while enjoying live music and performances by Radio La Chusma, Sundown Soundz, and Eden Enterprises featuring mimes and live statues!

Witness downtown transform into a public art venue right before your eyes! For more information visit the event website at www.chalktheblock.com.

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