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***MUSEUMS AND CULTURAL AFFAIRS DEPARTMENT (MCAD)
ANNOUNCES CALL FOR APPLICANTS FOR
FY 2009 CULTURAL FUNDING PROGRAM***

WHAT: FY 2009 Funding Guidelines and Applications Now Available

WHEN: February 20th, 2008

BACKGROUND: The Museums and Cultural Department (MCAD) announces the availability of funds for FY 2009 Cultural Funding Programs. Programs provide funding to assist in the development of El Paso's cultural organizations, artists and the creative sector, to promote and support arts and cultural activities for El Paso residents and visitors.

The City of El Paso is committed to the continued development of the city's arts sector to provide quality programs that are representative of the city's diverse cultures. MCAD provides opportunities for individual artists to participate in the municipal funding process and promote the arts and cultural organizations to enhance the city's cultural vitality.

Guidelines and applications will be available on-line at www.elpasotexas.gov/mcad after February 1, 2008. Guidelines Books are also available at MCAD, 2 Civic Center Plaza 1st Floor, El Paso, Texas 79901. In addition, MCAD will offer two workshops February 20th, from 9-11am and again from 5:30-7:30pm at City Hall 10th Floor Conference Room. The purpose of the workshop(s) are to discuss the funding guidelines, criteria and application process for FY funding. **All new applicants or those not funded in FY 07-08 must attend a workshop.**

For additional information call Socorro Q. Diamondstein 541-4167 or via e-mail at DiamondsteinSQ@elpasotexas.gov or visit the City of El Paso Museums and Cultural Affairs Department at 2 Civic Center Plaza, 1st Floor, El Paso, Texas 79901, or www.elpasotexas.gov/mcad.

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