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City of El Paso Museums and Cultural Affairs Department Hosts Opportunities Open House

EL PASO, Texas— The City of El Paso Museums and Cultural Affairs Department (MCAD) invites working artists from all disciplines to attend an Artist Opportunities Open House from 10 a.m. to 1:30 p.m., Saturday, April 8 at the El Paso Museum of Art.

The open house provides a unique opportunity for artists of all capacities to learn about programs and projects sponsored by MCAD and how they may participate to take advantage of those programs.

“We invite our local creative community and artists to visit our open house, meet our staff, learn about our programming, and most importantly explore different ways they can benefit from and participate in MCAD programs,” said Cultural Affairs and Managing Director Ben Fyffe.

This year, the open house will feature a new experience with an exhibitor hall and 20-minute breakout sessions with MCAD staff including the Cultural Funding Program, Public Art Program, Signature Festivals and Museums. Refreshments and door prizes will be provided. Participants are encouraged to bring business cards to network with staff and other local artists.

Through the City’s three Museums, the Public Art Program and Cultural Programs, MCAD provides a variety of grant programs, paid opportunities, and teaching artist opportunities. Since 2007, MCAD has distributed more than \$5 million to local artists and cultural organizations through the Cultural Funding Program.

For more information about the City of El Paso Museums and Cultural Affairs Department, visit www.EPMCAD.org.

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