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Museums and Cultural Affairs Department Hosts Opportunities Open House for Local Creatives

EL PASO, Texas— The City of El Paso's Museums and Cultural Affairs Department (MCAD) invites local artists and creative professionals from all disciplines to attend its annual Opportunities Open House from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. Thursday, May 15, 2025, at the Mexican American Cultural Center.

The open house offers a unique chance for artists to learn about MCAD's diverse programs, funding opportunities, and paid creative roles, while connecting directly with staff and exploring ways to get involved.

"MCAD is proud to invest directly in El Paso's arts and cultural community through a variety of programs," said Ben Fyffe, Quality of Life Managing Director with the City of El Paso. "We invite artists and creative professionals of all levels to meet our staff, learn about MCAD's grant funding and paid opportunities, and consider getting involved in our work."

The event will follow an exhibitor hall format, providing attendees with direct access to representatives from MCAD's various sites and programs, including:

- El Paso Museum of Art
- El Paso Museum of History
- El Paso Museum of Archaeology
- Mexican American Cultural Center
- Cultural Funding Program
- Public Art Program
- The Market
- Signature Festivals: Chalk the Block and Día de los Muertos

Attendees are encouraged to bring business cards for networking with staff and fellow creatives. The open house will also feature a free raffle and a dedicated social hour.

MCAD supports El Paso's arts and cultural sector through its three museums, the recently opened Mexican American Cultural Center, and the Cultural Affairs Division. Since 2007, the department has distributed approximately \$5.8 million in grant funding to local artists and cultural organizations through the Cultural Funding Program.

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

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