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City of El Paso to Launch “Third Thursdays” in Downtown Arts District

EL PASO, Texas—The City of El Paso Museums and Cultural Affairs Department (MCAD) is excited to announce “Third Thursdays” in the Downtown Arts District, an initiative that features extended hours and programming at various locations downtown.

“With the opening of La Nube last year, the MACC in March, and the Main Library branch in April, the Downtown Arts District corridor has never been more active,” said Quality of Life Managing Director Ben Fyffe. “We hope that monthly Third Thursday hours encourage community members to take advantage of the world-class facilities and programs that the Downtown Arts District has to offer.”

Third Thursdays begins Thursday, July 17. Locations with special hours and activities include:

- The Market Under the Stars, 5 to 9 p.m. (Arts Festival Plaza)
 - Artisan market featuring local vendors, live music, food, and community organization booths
- El Paso Museum of Art, open until 8 p.m.
 - Featuring presence Magoffin Home
- El Paso Museum of History, open until 8 p.m.
 - Exhibit opening: “Pasos Urbanos III”
- El Paso Mexican American Cultural Center, open until 8 p.m.
 - Cacao Drink Tastings with Cacao Coyatoc
 - Ugly Drawing Club with printmaking artist Rogelio Rosiles
- La Nube STEAM Discovery Center, open until 7 p.m.
 - Mold making workshop with Fab Lab El Paso, 5:30 to 6:30 p.m.
- El Paso Public Library Main Branch, open until 7 p.m.
 - Games and treats on the foyer and patio from 7 to 9 p.m.
- Destination El Paso Visitor Information Center, open until 7:30pm

Additional support for Third Thursdays comes from the El Paso Community Foundation.

About the Downtown Arts District

Designated by Texas Commission on the Arts in October 2011, the El Paso Downtown Arts District is a destination for high-quality arts and entertainment. More than two million people visit annually for museum exhibitions, concerts, performances, festivals, sporting events, and more. The Downtown Arts District was recently voted the #5 Arts District in the country by *USA Today 10Best*.

More information about the El Paso Downtown Arts District is available at EPMCAD.org/Experience-Art/Arts-District.

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