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**NEWS RELEASE**

## **Museums and Cultural Affairs Department to Host Open House to Share Artist Opportunities**

**EL PASO, Texas** – The Museums and Cultural Affairs Department (MCAD) invites working artists in all disciplines to an open house at 5:30 p.m. on Thursday, February 20, at the El Paso Museum of Art.

The open house is a great opportunity to learn about ways to participate in programs and projects sponsored by MCAD. The Museums and Cultural Affairs Department provides a variety of grant programs, paid gigs and, teaching artist opportunities through the City's three museums and the Public Art Program. During the past three years, MCAD has paid more than \$2.2 million to 7,425 local artists and arts and cultural organizations.

"The programming provided by MCAD has a significant impact on El Paso's economy, and it starts with funding our program's grants to local artists and arts and culture organizations," said Deputy City Manager of Quality of Life Tracey Jerome. "We hope this open house will help our local creative community explore the different ways they can benefit from MCAD programs."

The open house will begin with an overview of the Department and its programs. Visitors are encouraged to visit information tables to get more detailed information about participating in programs and events sponsored by MCAD. Participants are also encouraged to bring business cards to network with staff and other local artists.

### **Open House Schedule:**

**5:30-5:40 p.m.** - Public Sign-In

**5:45 p.m.-6:15 p.m.** - MCAD Overview in the El Paso Energy Auditorium (2<sup>nd</sup> Floor)

**6:30-8:00 p.m.** - Meet and Greet/Networking in the C2 Gallery

To learn more about the Museums and Cultural Affairs Department, visit <https://mcad.elpasotexas.gov/>

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