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El Paso Museum of History Presents: Still We Rise: El Paso's Black Experience Exhibit Celebrates Black History in El Paso

EL PASO, Texas—The City of El Paso Museum of History (EPMH) invites the community to visit its newest exhibition, Still We Rise: El Paso's Black Experience with a grand opening celebration from 5 to 7 p.m. Saturday, February 25.

The exhibition highlights the vibrant history of El Paso's Black community in the decades leading up to and following desegregation.

Tracking back to the first documented African American individuals in El Paso, the exhibition highlights generations of Afro descendants' contributions to the region as they built businesses, homes, and neighborhoods during slavery, the Jim Crow era, and beyond.

"The El Paso Museum of History looks forward to hosting this long overdue exhibition that has been an exercise in collaboration for the past year with El Paso's Black community," said El Paso Museum of History Director Erica Marin.

Based on the testimonies and oral histories of communities, "Still We Rise" aims to showcase the joy and accomplishments of those who call El Paso home.

Before the exhibition, residents are encouraged to participate in the following events happening on Saturday, February 25:

- 10 a.m. Black History Month Parade; the 3-mile parade starts at Montana Avenue and Pershing East Drive; ends at Mary Webb Park, 3401 E. Missouri
- 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. Estine East Side Barbershop will be open to the public for visitors. Estine Davis retired in fall 2022 and represented the last business in the historic Black-owned commercial corridor.

The El Paso Museum of History will extend its hours to 7 p.m. on Saturday, February 25 for the exhibition opening event. The exhibition will be on display through January 13, 2024.

This exhibition and public programs are made possible thanks to the generous support of JP Morgan Chase, the J. Edward and Helen M.C. Stern Foundation, the Hunt Family Foundation, and the El Paso Museum of History Foundation.

For more information about the City of El Paso Museum of History, visit www.EPMuseumOfHistory.org.

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