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El Paso Museum of History Celebrates Pride Month

EL PASO, Texas—The El Paso Museum of History (EPMH) invites the community to celebrate Pride Month with a Family Day and Pop-up Exhibit beginning Saturday, June 1.

The museum will also host a Pride Month conversation called Impact of Supporting LGBTQIA+ Loved Ones at 5:30 p.m. Thursday, June 13 at the Museum of History.

Family Day: Pride

From 1 to 4 p.m. Saturday, June 1, the Museum of History is hosting a free Family Day celebrating LGBTQIA+ artists, changemakers and culture bearers in Mexico as part of the pop-up exhibit examining "El Baile De Los 41."

All ages are invited to participate in hands-on activities, face painting, and more.

The EPMH will be joined by PFLAG El Paso, Borderland Rainbow Center, Project Vida, City of El Paso Public Health Department, El Paso Public Library, El Paso County Ilumina Public Library, the Mexican American Cultural Center, the El Paso Museum of Art, Museo de La Revolucion Mexicana en la Frontera Norte (MUREF), and other community partners.

About "El Baile de los 41"

On November 17, 1901, Mexican police raided a clandestine ball where only men were in attendance. At a rented home at the outer limits of Mexico City, police raided a dance attended by 42 unaccompanied men, some wearing women's clothes.

Among those individuals were high-profile political figures including Ignacio de la Torre y Mier, the son-in-law of then-President Porfirio Díaz, and Antonio Adalid, the godson of Maximilian I and Carlota of Mexico.

"El Baile de los 41," or the Dance of the 41, is a pop-up exhibit that spotlights the Porfirian era social scandal in Mexico. The exhibit explores Mexico's views then and now on LGBTQ+ issues through the intersectional lens of race, class, and gender. "El Baile de los 41" will be on display at the Museum of History Saturday, June 1 through Sunday, June 30.

Impact of Supporting LGBTQIA+ Loved Ones

The Museum will host a free, special Pride Month conversation at 5:30 p.m. Thursday, June 13. The discussion will cover various topics, including our community's medical, legal, emotional, and social support.

Learn more about how you can be an advocate and ally as we come together to celebrate Pride Month!

Join us for a Pride month conversation focused on the impact and importance of supporting LGBTQIA+ loved ones. Moderated by PFLAG El Paso, this panel will feature Dr. Toni Ramirez (Project Vida), Lyda Ness Garcia (383rd District Court), Amber Perez (Borderland Rainbow Center), Grace Perez (former PFLAG El Paso President), and the M Factor (City of El Paso Public Health).

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

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