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El Paso Museum of Art Launches All-Abilities Art School Classes Free Classes for Students Sponsored by AT&T

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EL PASO, Texas—The El Paso Museum of Art (EPMA) proudly announces the launch of EPMA Arcoiris, a free, innovative art school program designed for children and teens with intellectual and developmental disabilities.

Generously sponsored by AT&T, this program offers students ages 5 to 18 an inclusive and creative space to explore art in both gallery and studio settings—at no cost to participants.

Classes will be held monthly beginning **Sunday**, **November 17**, allowing students to express themselves through a variety of artistic mediums. Led by professional Teaching Artists, each session invites participants to engage interactively with both the Museum's exhibitions and hands-on activities in a supportive, inspiring environment that celebrates their unique abilities.

Registration is now open, and while the program is free of charge, space is limited. Families can secure a spot by calling (915) 212-03056 or emailing epmaeducation@elpasotexas.gov.

EPMA Arcoiris is the first pilot program of the EPMA's new P.A.I.N.T.E.R. (Promoting Art Inclusion Nurturing Talent Education Resilience) Initiative, which reaffirms the Museum's commitment to inclusivity and creating a welcoming environment for individuals of all abilities to experience art.

About the EPMA Art School

The EPMA Art School is a one-of-a-kind art education program in the region, offering year-round classes for children and adults that combine hands-on artmaking with in-gallery learning. Experienced Teaching Artists lead each class, utilizing professional-grade tools and materials. Students also have the opportunity to showcase their artwork in the School's dedicated exhibition space. For additional details, please visit the El Paso Museum of Art at <u>epma.art</u>.

Accessibility at the El Paso Museum of Art

- Wheelchair Accessibility: The Museum entrance has a power-assist door. Gallery seating includes stools and benches, and wheelchairs are available upon request. Accessible, all-gender restrooms are located in the Art School and on the first and second floors.
- Service Animals Welcome: Guide dogs and other trained service animals are always welcome.
- Low Sensory: Every Sunday from 11 a.m. to 12 p.m., the Museum offers low-sensory hours. A low-sensory and nursing room is also available upon request.

EPMA is dedicated to creating an accessible and inclusive experience for all visitors.

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