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## Community Invited “Star Ceiling” Public Illumination at El Paso Museum of Art

**WHO:** City’s Museums and Cultural Affairs Department, El Paso Museum of Art, and Artist Leo Villareal

**WHAT:** Public Illumination Celebration for “Star Ceiling” Installation

**WHEN:** 5 p.m. Friday, January 17, 2025

**WHERE:** El Paso Museum of Art, One Arts Festival Plaza

The City of El Paso Museums and Cultural Affairs Department (MCAD) and the El Paso Museum of Art (EPMA) invite the community to the public illumination of “Star Ceiling (El Paso)” happening from 5 to 8 p.m. Friday, January 17, at the El Paso Museum of Art.

The free event includes a lightbox-making activity inspired by “Star Ceiling,” tours of the installation from EPMA curators, music from a local DJ, complimentary coffee, hot chocolate, champurrado, cider, and pan dulce, and a virtual illumination countdown beginning at 5:45 p.m., allowing participants in-person and across the world to join in.

The installation is a project of the El Paso Museum of Art Foundation and Paso del Norte Community Foundation.

For more information about the event and the “Star Ceiling” installation, visit the El Paso Museum of Art at [EPMA.Art](https://www.epma.art).

### About “Star Ceiling (El Paso)”

“Star Ceiling (El Paso)” is a site-specific, permanent installation by artist Leo Villareal. The privately funded artwork is a project of the El Paso Museum of Art Foundation and the Paso del Norte Community Foundation. “Star Ceiling (El Paso)” consists of a 120-foot suspended LED array, with 13,500 energy-efficient LEDs activated by the artist in non-repeating patterns. The work showcases zero-gravity benches and planters featuring species indigenous to the Chihuahuan Desert.

The Museums and Cultural Affairs Department and the El Paso Museum of Art extend their heartfelt gratitude to the donors and sponsors whose generous contributions made this installation a gift to the Citizens of El Paso.

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