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## El Paso Museum of Art Unveils “Star Ceiling” Installation to Illuminate Community

**EL PASO, Texas**—The El Paso Museum of Art invites the border community to experience the “Star Ceiling (El Paso)” art installation that is located at the main entrance of the museum.

This new permanent installation by internationally acclaimed artist Leo Villareal is now activate and available for the public to enjoy. The artwork features a suspended 120-foot LED array, comprised of 13,500 individually addressable lights activated by the artist in non-repeating patterns. “Star Ceiling” also includes zero-gravity benches and planters featuring species indigenous to the Chihuahuan Desert.

“The El Paso Museum of Art is grateful to receive this remarkable work of art created by Leo Villareal, an artist with deep roots in our border community whose illuminated art can be found across the U.S., Europe, and Asia,” said El Paso Museum of Art Director Edward Hayes. “I am thankful to all the individuals who privately raised the funds for Star Ceiling to shine at our doorstep and illuminate El Paso’s Downtown Arts District.”

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

“It is with unmeasurable pride that the El Paso Museum of Art Foundation gifts Star Ceiling to El Paso. For years we have worked on the fundraising campaign, along with the phenomenal team at the Paso Del Norte Community Foundation, and in conjunction with the fabulous artist Leo Villareal, to bring Star Ceiling to life in our city,” said El Paso Museum of Art Foundation Board Member Judy Robison. “We are ecstatic to have met our goal, thanks to the endless generosity of our donors, and to finally see the lights twinkling in Downtown El Paso.”

The City of El Paso 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. Star Ceiling (El Paso) is a privately funded project of the El Paso Museum of Art Foundation in partnership with the Paso del Norte Community Foundation. Ongoing Star Ceiling (El Paso) educational support under the EPMA Arcoiris program is contributed by AT&T. Additionally, El Paso Electric is a proud sponsor of the January 17 illumination festivities.

For more information on the “Star Ceiling” exhibition and all the exhibits and programs available by the El Paso Museum of Art, visit [EPMA.Art](https://www.epma.org).

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