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In Control: San Antonio Arts Commission

DEPARTMENT: Department of Arts and Culture

DEPARTMENT HEAD: Krystal Jones

COUNCIL DISTRICTS IMPACTED: Citywide

SUBJECT:

Director's Report: Between Yesterday and Tomorrow: Film Night, From SA to SA Exhibition Opening and Department Updates

SUMMARY:

Between Yesterday and Tomorrow: Film Night

The Department of Arts and Culture will host a Film Night titled “Film Reality Checks” on Wednesday, August 23, 2023 at 6pm in our Culture Commons Gallery. The screening will include 4 short films by San Antonio filmmakers, Deon Van Rooyen and Dat Mayne Dee Wayne Goodloe. The series of thought provoking films is curated by Ada Babino, documentary filmmaker and founder/executive director of the San Antonio Black International Film Festival. Following the screening Babino will moderate a talk with the filmmakers, followed by an audience Q&A.

From SA to SA: Exhibition Opening

The Department of Arts and Culture will host an opening reception for the next exhibition at Centro de Artes, From SA to SA: An Exhibition of Pan-American Documentary Photography, on

Thursday, August 10, 2023 from 6pm – 9pm. The exhibition is curated by Guillermina Zabala and is an engaging compilation of significant works from 20 Latinx documentary photographers living in South, Central and North America. The exhibition will focus on the interconnected weaving of individual and collective stories depicted in appealing, powerful, and thought-provoking photographic images.

Department Updates

The Department of Arts and Culture will provide staffing updates.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION:

Between Yesterday and Tomorrow: Film Night

This event is part of the ancillary programming for the “Between Yesterday & Tomorrow: Perspectives from Black Contemporary Artists of San Antonio” exhibition. In this exhibition, local talents share their cultural and life experiences through their work. Themes covered include Black history and identity, family dynamics, social connections, personal human experience, spirituality and resilience. The artworks include drawing, painting, photography, mixed media, digital media, assemblage, sculpture and quilting. The show is on view through November 17, 2023 at Culture Commons Gallery.

From SA to SA: Exhibition Opening

Centro de Artes is an institution dedicated to telling the story of the Latino experience in the U.S. with a focus on South Texas through local, regional, national and international art, history and culture, and dedicated to sharing the transnational experience of Latinos in the U.S. The Department of Arts and Culture began management of exhibits and programming at the Centro de Artes Gallery in September 2016. In February 2017, the San Antonio Arts Commission (SAAC) adopted the Centro de Artes Strategic Plan, developed after a series of community visioning sessions. The Centro de Artes Committee was established as an Ad Hoc Committee of the San Antonio Arts Commission in 2017 with a mission to advocate for excellent, accessible, and engaging Latino arts and cultural opportunities in the Centro de Artes Building and implement the Centro de Artes Strategic Plan. The Centro de Artes Gallery, located in Historic Market Square is free and open to the public Wednesday-Friday from 10:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. and Saturday-Sunday from noon to 5:00 p.m.

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