



City of San Antonio

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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: Millennial Loteria Night, Resilient and Responsive: Artists and the Environment Opening Reception, National Poetry Month 2024

SUMMARY:

Centro de Artes - Millennial Loteria Night

The Department of Arts and Culture will host Millennial Loteria Night on Thursday, March 21, 2024 at 6pm in our Centro de Artes Gallery. This event is an evening of loteria, with Mike Alfaro and other special guest callers. Millennial Loteria: The LatinXperience is featured on the first floor of Centro de Artes Gallery and includes over 270 reimaged Loteria cards that aim to provide a snapshot of modern Latinx life, while also exploring and breaking stereotypes from Hispanic-American history, like colorism, classism, and homophobia. It is on view until June 30, 2024.

Culture Commons Gallery - Resilient and Responsive: Artists and the Environment Opening Reception

The Department of Arts and Culture will host an Opening Reception on Thursday, April 11, 2024

at 6pm in our Culture Commons Gallery. This exhibition was organized in collaboration with the City's Office of Sustainability and is focused on climate, the environment, and the impact on the local community. It features 14 San Antonio-based artist whose work responds to the City's Climate Action and Adaptation Plan. The exhibition will be on view until January 17, 2025.

National Poetry Month 2024

National Poetry Month takes place each April and is one of the largest literary celebrations in the world. It is a time when the poetry community comes together to provide activities, initiatives, and resources so that anyone can join in. The City of San Antonio will designate the newest Poet Laureate to serve from 2024-2027.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION:

Centro de Artes - Millennial Loteria Night

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 Sat-Sun from noon to 5:00 p.m.

Culture Commons Gallery - Resilient and Responsive: Artists and the Environment Opening Reception

This exhibition is organized by the Cultural Events and Exhibition Division of the Department of Arts and Culture for Culture Commons Gallery. Culture Commons is located in the Plaza de Armas Building and is managed by the Department of Arts and Culture. It consists of a storefront gallery located on the first and second floors as well as a 1,500 sq. ft. exhibit hall that features visual art exhibits, performances, invited speakers and workshops. The vision for Culture Commons is to serve as the City of San Antonio's cultural space that integrates the arts into our civic conversation by encouraging creativity, supporting local culture and engaging our community in transforming the future.

National Poetry Month 2024

The city of San Antonio began celebrating National Poetry Month in 2009 and by 2012 became the first major city in Texas to appoint a Poet Laureate. The city of San Antonio partners and collaborates with Jim La Villa-Havelin to work toward highlighting National Poetry Month by compiling a list of local events occurring during the month, showcasing new poetry books published recently, provide resources where poetry readings, events, and poetry is accessible, as well as a list of local presses.

ISSUE:

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FISCAL IMPACT:

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ALTERNATIVES:

None, this is an announcement only.

RECOMMENDATION:

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