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El Paso Museum of Art Unveils New Mural within Grand Lobby

WHO: City of El Paso Museum of Art
WHAT: Mural Unveiling
WHEN: 11 a.m., Saturday, February 3
WHERE: El Paso Museum of Art, 1 Arts Plaza

The public is invited to celebrate the unveiling of a new mural at the Patricia and Jonathan Rogers Grand Lobby inside the El Paso Museum of Art created by local artist Marianna Olague.

The inaugural commissioned mural is part of the EPMA: Frontera Forward, an initiative established to advance the understanding and appreciation of the El Paso/Ciudad Juarez border community through the arts.

The mural pays homage to the Ruben Salazar Apartments from the South El Paso Neighborhood but is also meant to look like any other complexes found around the city. The artist's choice of vibrant color in the mural aims to capture the colorful culture and history of the city.

Unveiling festivities include remarks, entertainment by Frontera Bugalu, coffee, and pan dulce from the Bowie Bakery.

About Marianna Olague

Marianna Olague is a painter and visual artist born and raised in El Paso, where she currently lives and works. Her work is about living in the borderland desert of El Paso, and she uses her family and close friends as models for brilliantly hued portraits. Olague has an MFA in painting from Cranbrook Academy of Art in Bloomfield Hills, Michigan, and a BFA from the University of Texas at El Paso.

Her work is in multiple private and public collections including Cranbrook Art Museum and the Rubin Center for the Visual Arts at UTEP. Olague's work has been shown in multiple exhibitions in New York, Los Angeles, Chicago, and Detroit, the McNay Museum in San Antonio, Texas, and the Smithsonian National Portrait Gallery in Washington, D.C. Olague currently teaches drawing in the UTEP Art Department.

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