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Annual Las Artistas Art & Fine Crafts Show Brings the “Best of the Best” to El Paso: November 18 & 19 at the EPIC Railyard Event Center

El Paso, TX – The annual Las Artistas Art & Fine Crafts Show is happening on November 18 and 19 at the spacious EPIC RAILYARD Event Center on 2201 East Mills Avenue in downtown El Paso, TX (located off I-10). The show runs from 10 am to 5 pm on Saturday, November 18, and 10 am to 4 pm on Sunday, November 19. Admission is \$7 and free for children under 18. Valet parking is free.

The perfect kick off to the holiday shopping season, the Las Artistas Art & Fine Crafts Show features beautiful, one-of-a-kind paintings, prints, ceramics, glass, jewelry, metal, leather, wood, wearable art and more in all prices. Attendees can meet established and emerging artists and students, talk to them about their work, and shop for high quality art and fine craft. And every sale made at the show contributes to the livelihood of artists and craftsmen – many of whom are local small businesses.

The quality of the work in the show is exceptional. Ninety artists and craftsmen from El Paso, New Mexico and other parts of the country are participating and all have met Las Artistas’ jury standards for technical proficiency, originality, and creative vision. Three years ago, Las Artistas introduced an emerging artists section in the show; this year the number of emerging artists has grown, and will

include the work of children and relatives of Las Artistas members. Students in the Metals and Ceramics programs at the University of Texas at El Paso are also selling their work at the show.

New this year is the participation of the *It's Your World* recycled arts program, under the direction of El Dorado High School art teacher Candie Printz. Motivated to take on a project that would improve their community and promote the importance of recycling, Candie and her students have been cleaning up part of the local desert and using the collected items to make art. She and her students will be selling their art at the Las Artistas show.

Classical and Flamenco guitarist Jake Mossman will be performing at the show on Saturday from noon to 4 pm. Jake has performed in theatres throughout the southwest, and has accompanied renowned Flamenco dancers and singers. Gourmet street food will be provided by The Grub Thai Food, Megalicious, and High Mesa Kettle Korn, and there will be a cash wine bar provided by Wine Attitude.

The Las Artistas Art & Fine Crafts Show is sponsored by Ruhmann Law, with support from the City of El Paso Museums and Cultural Affairs Department.

Get a first look of the show at the Preview Party on Friday, November 17

Las Artistas is hosting a Preview Party on Friday, November 17 from 6 pm to 8 pm in the Circa 1963 Room at the Hotel Indigo on 325 North Kansas Street in El Paso (located just minutes away from the EPIC RAILYARD Event Center). For a cost of \$15 – which also includes one-day admission to the show – attendees can mingle with artists, craftsmen, and like-minded people and see a preview of work that will be in the show. Light appetizers will be served and a cash bar is available. This event is sponsored by Margie Melby, one of Las Artistas' founding members, and tickets are available at lasartistas.org.

About Las Artistas

Founded in 1970, Las Artistas has grown from a small group of enterprising El Paso women artists seeking a venue for their work, to one of the premiere arts organizations in El Paso and Southern New Mexico. For more information about the Las Artistas Art & Fine Crafts Show or Las Artistas, contact Pam Sullivan at (915) 319-4541, email marketing@lasartistas.org, or visit lasartistas.org.

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