## **RUBY CITY**

## For Immediate Release

## CELEBRATING CREATIVITY, COMMUNITY AND CONTEMPORARY ART, RUBY CITY TO HOST 4<sup>th</sup> ANNUAL "FAMILY DAY" ON NOVEMBER 9, 2024



When: Saturday, November 9, 2024, from 10:00am- 1:00pm Location: Ruby City Campus 150 Camp Street, San Antonio, TX 78204

**SAN ANTONIO, TX, (October 24, 2024)** -- Ruby City will host its 4<sup>th</sup> annual Family Day, a lively event offering hands-on art making experiences and performances for the whole family to enjoy. This free event will feature engaging activities for all ages and the opportunity for visitors to view current Ruby City exhibitions. The event will take place across the Ruby City campus located at 150 Camp Street on Saturday, November 9<sup>th</sup> from 10am to 1pm.

Local artists Brittany Ham, Olivia Hinojosa, and arts organizations Parts & Labor, Spare Parts, Say Si, and UTSA Teen Studio Intensive will offer an array of creative experiences inspired by current Ruby City exhibitions. Also participating in Family Day are Alamo City Arts and the AM Project who will showcase a variety of youth performances throughout the event. Family Day will activate the Ruby City Sculpture Garden, Plaza and Chris Park. Visitors will also be treated to snacks at Family Day such as fruit cups from Spice Girl, raspas from Chamoy City limits and delicious popcorn from sponsor Ricos. Limited quantities of snacks will be available.

Additional event parking is sponsored in partnership by City of San Antonio and will be located at the Cliff Morton Development and Business Service Center (One Stop), located at <u>1901 S. Alamo St.</u>, From the additional parking location, a short stroll along the San Pedro Creek will lead to Ruby City.

Family Day is an opportunity for the community to visit San Antonio's beautiful Ruby City, a free contemporary art center dedicated to providing a space for the city's thriving creative community to experience works by both local and internationally acclaimed artists.

Ruby City invites the public to this event which is sure to be full of vibrant activity and creative fun for the whole family.

## ABOUT THE ARTISTS + PARTNERS

**Brittany Ham** is an artist and educator based in San Antonio, Texas where she currently works as Lecturer of Art at Texas A&M University-San Antonio. She earned BFAs in Painting and Communication Design from Texas State University in 2012, and an MFA in Art from the University of Texas at San Antonio in 2016. Brittany has exhibited internationally in South Korea, Germany, and the United States of America.

**Olivia Hinojosa** is an artist and educator born and raised in San Antonio, TX. She currently serves as the art teacher for Pre-K-8th grade students at The Circle School. She has a wealth of art teaching and facilitating experience, including with Artpace, Spare Parts, The Contemporary at Blue Star, and the UTSA School of Art. She believes that all people are artists, and art can be made from anything!

**Alamo City Arts** is a prominent San Antonio-based organization dedicated to nurturing artistic talent and enriching the community through dance, music, and theater. Its mission is to provide accessible, high-quality arts education and performance opportunities, fostering creativity and cultural appreciation for all ages.

**AM Project** was created in 2015 by a group of artists and educators to carry out the mission of empowering youth with arts and music. The AM Project has adapted unique and progressive digital arts and music program to support non-profits programs, high schools, public libraries, community / city organization and homeschoolers, exciting youth with a new way to express themselves, igniting their creative side.

**Parts & Labor** supports a flourishing practice for artists who are caregivers. Located in SouthTown San Antonio, Parts & Labor is a non-profit organization which offers mid-career artist residents focused time, space, and resources in their pursuit of creative work. Tailored to meet the unique needs of caregivers, the residency provides the necessary support and infrastructure to "free up" artists to work.

**Spare Parts** advances reuse and sustainability through creativity and the arts. Spare Parts operates the Center for Creative Reuse, San Antonio's first Art Supply Thrift Store. Since opening in late 2020 The Center has diverted over 80,000 pounds of creative supplies and materials from the landfill.

**SAY Sí** is a year-round, long-term, non-profit multidisciplinary arts program that provides students opportunities to develop artistic and social skills in preparation for higher educational advancement and professional careers. SAY Sí is committed to creating a premier, dynamic and nurturing educational environment for San Antonio's artistic youth, recognizing that the arts reshape the way young people learn, communicate and prepare for their work and civic future.

**UTSA Teen Studio Intensive** is for middle and high school aged teens with a strong interest in visual arts since 2014. Originally developed through the Southwest School of Art, TSI is now a vibrant part of the UTSA Young Artist Programs community offering college credit to qualifying high school students. The program provides the young artist an opportunity to develop their portfolio by committing to an academic year-long program for high school students and a semester long program for middle school students. Students are also involved in various community and service-learning opportunities as well as participation in professional art exhibitions throughout their time in the program.

<u>Ruby City</u> is a contemporary art center in San Antonio, TX, dedicated to providing a space for the city's thriving creative community to experience works by both local and internationally acclaimed artists. Envisioned in 2007 by the late collector, philanthropist and artist <u>Linda Pace</u>, Ruby City presents works from the Linda Pace Foundation Collection of more than 1400 paintings, sculptures, installations and video works. The building which opened in 2019 is designed by <u>Adjaye Associates</u> and is part of a campus, which also includes a sculpture garden, <u>Chris Park</u>, a one-acre public green space named in memory of Pace's son, and Studio, an auxiliary exhibition space which presents curated shows and <u>programming</u> throughout the year. Ruby City is open Thursday through Sunday, 10am to 6pm. Admission is always free; reservations are recommended. Information and reservations are available at <u>www.rubycity.org</u>.

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