

RUBY CITY

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**RUBY CITY TO HOST END OF YEAR PROGRAMMING
WITH CREATIVE MORNINGS AND TRINITY UNIVERSITY'S KRTU**



When: Friday, December 13

8:30AM – 10:00AM: Creative Mornings

7:00PM – 9:00PM: Music in the Park – Featuring MiChelle Garibay-Carey

Location: Ruby City, 150 Camp Street, San Antonio, TX 78204

SAN ANTONIO, TX, (December 2, 2024) — Ruby City will partner with two local partners to host events on Friday, December 13, 2024, for their final events of the year. Opened in 2019, based on the dream of late founder, collector, philanthropist and artist, Linda Pace, Ruby City has since welcomed 53,000 visitors through its doors to experience the founder’s deep conviction that contemporary art is essential to a dynamic society. The contemporary art center provides a space for the city’s thriving creative community to experience works by both local and internationally acclaimed artists. In support of its mission, Ruby City will feature two end of the year events focused on creating conversations, building community, and a celebration of artistry.

On the morning of Friday, December 13th will start off in partnership with the San Antonio Chapter of Creative Mornings. Creative Mornings is a free monthly breakfast lecture series designed for creative communities. Founded in 2008, in Brooklyn, New York, there are now chapters in 244 cities across 70 countries. San Antonio's chapter of Creative Mornings aims to provide an ongoing source of inspiration and networking for the Alamo City's creative community. The topic for December's creative meet-up at Ruby City is "Cycle" and will feature speaker, Maura Bobbitt.



Maura Bobbitt, Founder of Bespoke Death. Photo by Josh Huskins

Maura Bobbitt is a death rights advocate and mortuary scientist. After working in environmental conservation and nature education, she made the choice to become a licensed funeral director to create access to death practices that are community-focused, radically accepting, sustainable, and divested from capitalist forces. Her work is focused on envisioning a future where our death and grief practices can be individually- and community-focused, radically accepting, environmentally friendly, and divested from capitalist forces. Maura believes that good deaths help us lead good lives, and that accepting our deaths is an act of revolution.

Attendees will be able to enjoy coffee and breakfast tacos on the Ruby City Plaza from 8:30AM – 9:00AM prior to the presentation which will take place in the Ruby City galleries. This event is free and open to the public. Registration for this event opens Monday, December 9th at 11AM. Registration can be found on the San Antonio Creative Mornings [website](#).

Later that evening, from 7:00-9:00PM Ruby City will host its annual *Music in the Park* in partnership with Trinity University's KRTU, a leader in commercial-free, listener supported radio. KRTU specializes in diverse, locally curated music programming that showcases regional musicians. This year's featured musician is [MiChelle Garibay-Carey](#), a singer-songwriter and recording artist currently based in San Antonio, Texas. She has performed professionally for 32 years and counting! From Jazz to Soul to Gospel to Pop, she pours her heart into every tune reaching every audience.



MiChelle Garibay-Carey

Her 2020 breakthrough album “Love Dance”, released on the Big Bib Entertainment label, is her first as a solo performer. The album is gaining momentum while MiChelle continues as the lead vocalist of local band PM Soul, a group she founded with husband / bassist Pat Carey.

Daughter of San Antonio R&B/blues legend, the late Randy Garibay, Sr., this Latina's talent is deeply rooted in soul music. Besides songwriting, recording and performing, singing the National Anthem at the AT&T Center for San Antonio Spurs, Rampage, Stars, and Harlem Globetrotters games, she has shared the stage and sung with well-known artists Diane Schurr, The Rippingtons, Kirk Whalum, Rick Braun, Ronnie Laws, Nelson Rangell, Tom Browne, Warren Hill, Paula Atherton, Blake Aaron, Steve Oliver, Vincent Ingala, Doc Powell, Will Donato, Darryl Williams, Jonathan Fritzen, Althea Rene, and Gerry Gibbs.

Her influences include Nancy Wilson, Aretha Franklin, Chaka Khan, Patti LaBelle, and Anita Baker. MiChelle continues to draw in fans who love her voice, her heart, and her commitment to giving her

"all" every time she performs. From Jazz, Pop, R&B, Jazz Fusion, Neo-Soul, Classic Soul, to Gospel, there's not a style in which MiChelle's powerhouse vocals can't soar!

Music in the Park is free and open to the public and will take place in Ruby City's Sculpture Garden from 7:00-9:00PM, Friday, December 13, 2024. The event will feature small bites from [Curry Boys BBQ](#), beer, wine and non-alcoholic drinks. Attendees are welcome to bring low lawn chairs and picnic blankets for the lawn. Additional parking for this event can be found at the COSA Cliff Morton Development & Business Center (One Stop), located at 1901 S. Alamo St.

[Ruby City](#) 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 [Linda Pace](#), 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 [Adjaye Associates](#) and is part of a campus, which also includes a sculpture garden, [Chris Park](#), a one-acre public green space named in memory of Pace's son, and Studio, an auxiliary exhibition space which presents curated shows and [programming](#) 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 www.rubycity.org.

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