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## **Bullock Museum to offer a summer of new exhibits, live music, IMAX films and free fun**

Experience a season of fun for Texans big and small

**MAY 25, 2023 (AUSTIN, TX)** — Texans of all ages can enjoy a season of exploration and discovery with the Bullock Museum. With a full slate of activities suitable for all ages, as well as the dynamic exhibitions on view, the Bullock Museum is a great place to escape the heat and celebrate Texas history and culture.

The Bullock Museum has free exhibit admission the first Sunday of each month during H-E-B Free First Sunday, which also features family crafts and activities. The Bullock Museum will also have free exhibit admission and family-friendly programming on July 9 during the Bob Bullock Birthday Bash, when it celebrates the birth of the Museum's namesake, Lt. Governor Bob Bullock.

The public can experience the Bullock Museum after-hours at Third Thursdays, when the Museum stays open late on the third Thursday of each month. During the summer, Third Thursdays will feature a special series of musical performances by local Black artists, including the Peterson Brothers, Zach Person, and Mélat.

Other events and activities will be offered throughout the summer, including children's art classes, summer storytimes, film screenings, and talks related to Texas history and current special exhibitions.

"We've got fun planned all summer long at the Bullock!" said Jessica Moriates, Public Programs Manager at the Bullock Museum. "Be sure to check our calendar and stop by to learn something new, have a unique experience and meet some of the incredible partners from the community that we're collaborating with."

Visitors can explore the Texas History Galleries and see unique artifacts like Bobbie Nelson's grand piano, an AT-6 "Texan" airplane, a Nudie suit worn by Hank Thompson, and an Apollo era NASA Mission Control console. Visitors can also discover the more than 300-year-old French shipwreck, La Belle, through augmented reality. Also on view is the special exhibit *The Harmon and Harriet Collection of African American Art: Works on Paper*, which highlights the rich history of Black art in America through watercolors, etchings, screen prints and more from the 20th century to the present.

Showing on a screen the size of Texas are the latest Hollywood features and stunning IMAX® documentaries. Join Antarctic scientists as they work to understand the profound transformation of the frozen continent in *Dinosaurs of Antarctica*, experience the spectacular annual migration



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of African animals through its youngest members in *Serengeti*, and prepare to meet some of the ocean's strangest and most spectacular creatures in *Secrets of the Sea*. New release feature films will be announced in the coming weeks and throughout the summer.

The Bullock Museum is also running a promotion for visitors who want to get more out of the Museum this summer. Visitors who sign up for a new yearly Museum Membership between May 26 and August 31 receive an extra month free. All Museum Members enjoy free exhibit admission, free tickets to IMAX® documentary films and select Texas Spirit Theatre shows, parking vouchers, discounts at the Museum Store and The Star Cafe, and more. Some exclusions apply.

Free exhibit admission is available for active duty military and SNAP and WIC participants and their families. The Bullock Museum is part of Blue Star Museums, which offers free exhibit admission to active duty military and their families from Armed Forces Day, May 20, through Labor Day, September 4. The Museum also participates in Museums for All, which allows SNAP and WIC participants to show their EBT card and receive free exhibit admission for the cardholder and their family year round.

A full schedule of programs and events and more details are available at [www.TheStoryofTexas.com/summer](http://www.TheStoryofTexas.com/summer).

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## **ABOUT THE BULLOCK MUSEUM**

The Bullock Texas State History Museum, a division of the State Preservation Board and an accredited institution of the American Alliance of Museums, illuminates and celebrates Texas history, people, and culture. With dynamic, award-winning exhibitions, educational programming for all ages, and an IMAX® theater with the largest screen in Texas, the Museum collaborates with more than 700 museums, libraries, archives and individuals across the world to bring the Story of Texas to life.

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