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The Bullock Museum launches new Cool Summer Nights after hours event series

Three free evenings highlighting Texas rodeo, visual arts and live music

MAY 31, 2018 (AUSTIN, TX) – The Bullock Texas State History Museum is inviting the public to come inside for three Friday evenings to celebrate culture, community and Texas history as part of its newly launched Cool Summer Nights after hours series. The events, which will take place from 6 to 9 pm on June 22, July 13 and August 10, will each feature interactive activities, a community lounge, music, food, cocktails, and free access to the exhibition galleries.

"We were looking for new ways to invite the community in to explore the Museum, discover Texas history and hopefully find ways to connect to their own experience," Bullock Museum Interim Director Margaret Koch said. "Cool Summer Nights is a very social event, great for sharing with friends or families, a way to unwind after a long week at work in a safe, friendly and unique atmosphere."

The event series encourages the public to discover the Museum after hours while taking a break from the summer heat. Each evening will feature free admission to the exhibitions, a vinyl DJ and dance floor, a themed lounge, and a photo booth. Food and drinks will be available for purchase in the Story of Texas Cafe and at a cash bar offering specialty cocktails. Complimentary sparkling water and coffee will also be available.



The Bullock Museum is inviting the public inside for three evenings celebrating culture, community and Texas history on June 22, July 13 and August 10 from 6 to 9 pm.

Cool Summer Nights kicks off on Friday, June 22 with a salute to rodeos, stock shows, and all things western in celebration of *Rodeo! The Exhibition*. Guests can participate in two-step lessons and a leatherworking workshop, create the perfect chili spice blend, and craft poems on vintage typewriters with Typewriter Rodeo.

The series continues on July 13 with an evening highlighting the amazing range of visual arts found in Texas in conjunction with the exhibition *Comanche Motion: The Art of Eric Tippeconnic*. Guests can experience the artistic process of local visual artists from Atelier Dojo as they create pieces inspired by the Museum's galleries. Hands-on activities, including silhouette portraiture, weaving and stitch

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instruction, blind contour drawing, and more, will allow visitors to try various artistic techniques for themselves.

The final event on August 10 takes inspiration from Austin's thriving music culture and the Museum's exhibition celebrating the history of Austin City Limits. Highlights will include two performances by One Ounce Opera, guided song writing, an audio/visual performance, ukulele tutorials, and other music experiences.

"This interactive evening series gives the Austin community a space to contextualize the Texas history they're living and to have fun in the process, promising an inclusive, engaging and inspiring experience for everyone," said Rachel Manning, Bullock Museum Film Programs Manager and the event's organizer.

Cool Summer Nights will take place at the Bullock Museum on June 22, July 13 and August 10 from 6 to 9 pm. For more information, visit TheStoryofTexas.com or call (512)936-8746.

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The Bullock Texas State History Museum is owned and operated by the State of Texas through the State Preservation Board. Additional support of exhibitions and programs is provided by the Texas State History Museum Foundation.

ABOUT THE BULLOCK MUSEUM

The Bullock Texas State History Museum includes three floors of exhibitions, IMAX® and special-effects theaters, a café and museum store. The Museum collaborates with more than 700 museums, libraries, archives and individuals to display original historical artifacts and host exhibitions that illuminate and celebrate Texas history and culture. For more, visit TheStoryofTexas.com or call (512) 936-8746.

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