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Summer Exhibitions at AMSET Showcase Permanent Collection

(Beaumont, TX; July 17, 2024) The Art Museum of Southeast Texas (AMSET) is proud to present two new exhibitions for the summer, *Mundos Pequeños: Miniatures from the John Gaston Fairey Collection of Mexican Folk Art*, alongside, *Dreams, Screams & Fantastical Things*, on view July 20 – September 15, 2024.

Mundos Pequeños: Miniatures from the John Gaston Fairey Collection of Mexican Folk Art will continue AMSET's annual summer tradition of exhibiting works from the permanent collection. It will be on view in tandem with a second permanent collection exhibition titled *Dreams, Screams & Fantastical Things*. *Mundos Pequeños* will include over 20 miniature artworks made from a variety of materials. These will include miniature masks, nativity scenes, trees of life, altars, and micro-woven textiles. Large versions of these objects, such as masks and trees of life, will be exhibited alongside the miniatures to demonstrate size differences.

Dreams, Screams & Fantastical Things will draw from the museum's permanent collection of over 1,700 artworks. It will showcase fine art objects next to folk art objects, including works from our Contemporary Texas, Regional Folk Art, American Folk Art, and Mexican Folk Art collections. The exhibition will spotlight artworks in the collection that depict one or more of the themes of dreams, horror or fantasy. The exhibition will also include works from the collection that have rarely been exhibited or have not been exhibited at all since their acquisition. Several of these works will be newly framed so that visitors can enjoy them.

An opening reception will take place on Friday, July 26, from 5:00 – 7:00 p.m. This event is free and open to the public and includes a gallery talk with Curator of Exhibitions, Caitlin Clay. A gallery guide with an essay written by Clay will give an overview of both exhibitions. A free Family Arts Day will take place in conjunction with this exhibition on Saturday, August 10, 2024 from 10 a.m. – 2 p.m. For more info on this exhibition and upcoming programs, please visit amset.org or call (409) 832-3432.

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