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The El Paso Museum of Archaeology Presents

Opening of a New Exhibit Look Close SEE FAR A Cultural Portrait of the Maya

June 23, 2012, 2:00 pm, Free Admission

Photographer Bruce T. Martin presents his exhibit *Look Close See Far, A Cultural Portrait of the Maya* at his talk at 2:00 pm on Saturday, June 23 followed by a reception from 3:00 to 4:30 pm.

Mr. Martin has photographed the Maya of Mexico, Belize, Honduras, El Salvador, Guatemala, and Honduras with passion and dedication for over twenty years. His exhibit features the intersection of numerous disciplines including photography, cultural and spiritual studies, and archaeology. It offers a sensitive and intimate look at the people themselves and the forests, ruins and villages in which they have been rooted for generations.

The exhibition is accompanied by Martin's book of the same name as the exhibit. The photographer uses captioned images and essays to reveal the legacy and the contemporary life of this indigenous people. The exhibit and the book blend a unique mosaic of visual details to create a fresh perspective on the Maya's endangered world view and disappearing legacy.



**El Paso Museum of Archaeology, 4301 Transmountain Dr,
El Paso, TX 79924, 915-755-4332, www.elpasotexas.gov/arch_museum
Hours: Tuesday - Saturday 9 am - 5 pm - Sunday 12 - 5 pm - Closed Mondays**

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The exhibit will be on view from June 19 through September 9, 2012. Additional programs will be announced soon.

Biography

Bruce T. Martin is an American who works in photography, multi media installation and art. He uses photography to document the world, explore perceptions, and question our viewpoints. After graduating from Syracuse University in 1977, he began working as a Historical Preservation photographer, using photography to help put endangered buildings on the National Register of Historic Places. His photographs are in a number of private and public collections and have been exhibited throughout the U.S. and Central America. Today, along with exhibiting his fine art photography projects, he is a leading architectural photographer, making photographs for the nation's foremost architects, designers, and publications.

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Please use the following captions with the attached photographs:

Dos Pilas, El Petén, Guatemala, 1991, courtesy of the photographer Bruce T. Martin

Milpa farmer, Maní, Yucatán, Mexico 1996, courtesy of the photographer Bruce T. Martin

Our Mission:

The El Paso Museum of Archaeology is dedicated to the interpretation of archaeological and anthropological artifacts through research, exhibits, and education. We focus on the prehistory and culture of the El Paso-Juárez region and the Southwest.

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