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Be-dazzling ancient jewelry exhibit at EPMoA

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From ancient Mesopotamia to Tiffany's & Co., Bedazzled exhibits the artistry of jewelry over a 5000-year span. The exhibit is from the Walters Art Museum in Baltimore, MD. The El Paso Museum of Art is the only museum west of the Mississippi River to host this exhibit.

Jewels of gemstone and gold still glisten centuries after they were intricately crafted with prehistoric tools. The exhibit is meant to display the artistry of jewelry. "The palate of the jeweler is gold," said presenting sponsor Susan Eisen, who also collaborated with the Museum of Art to procure speakers for the educational series.

Eisen said that the exhibit should educate people about an art that is mainly considered commercial. "You can get very technical talking about gemstones and science behind gemstones, but really we wanted to show the beauty of how jewelry reflects cultures, histories, science, emotions, family, everything," said Eisen.

Admission

Adults: \$10 non member, \$5 EPMA members

Children (age 12 and under): \$5 non member, FREE for EPMA members accompanied by an adult

Tickets can be purchased at the Museum Store. Please call (915) 532-1707 x 47 for information.

Hours

Tuesday through Saturday :9:00 AM – 5:00 PM

Thursday evenings: 5:00 PM – 9:00 PM

Sunday: 12:00 PM – 5:00 PM

Mondays, major holidays: Closed

For more information, call 915-532-1707 or visit www.elpasoartmuseum.org.