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Fort Worth Museum of Science and History and the Fort Worth Human Relations Commission to host Mujeres Poderosas: The Legacy of Strong Latinas

Fort Worth, TX – The Fort Worth Museum of Science and History, in partnership with the Fort Worth Human Relations Commission, is pleased to announce that the Museum will host *the Mujeres Poderosas: The Legacy of Strong Latinas in Fort Worth* exhibit to commemorate Women’s History month which is celebrated in March.

The museum will host a Media Preview for *Mujeres Poderosas: The Legacy of Strong Latinas in Fort Worth* on Thursday, March 3, 2016 from 3 PM to 5 PM at the Fort Worth Museum of Science and History. The exhibit photographer will be joined by several of the Strong Latinas subjects and a representative from the Human Relations Commission for interviews.

The exhibition, which will be on display March 4 – 31st includes photography by Pulitzer Prize winner Beatriz Terrassa, accompanied by text and audio narratives from 12 local Latinas who share stories of the obstacles they have overcome. The Strong Latinas subjects include powerful businesswomen, a Dreamer, grass-roots community activists, educators and artists, each of them from Fort Worth.

“We are pleased to be working with Fort Worth’s Human Relations Commission to bring this exhibition to the community,” said Van A. Romans, President of the Museum of Science and History. “These portraits are not only remarkable in their artistry, they tell a story unfamiliar to many. These are women who’ve overcome obstacles seen and unseen to make a difference for others.”

The exhibit is part of the HRC’s Latino Americans: 500 Years of History program which is made possible through a grant from the National Endowment for the Humanities, the American Library Association and collaborations with a number of local community organizations, including the Fort Worth Museum of Science and History and Hispanic Women’s Network of Texas.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION: The Fort Worth Human Relations Commission was created in 1967 to champion anti-discrimination efforts in Fort Worth and facilitate harmonious relationships among Fort Worth’s diverse communities. It strives to create a welcoming community for all people by providing resources and programs that promote basic human and civil rights. The HRC is one of 203 grant recipients selected from across the country to receive a grant to hold public programming — such as public film screenings, discussion groups, oral history initiatives, local history exhibitions, multi-media projects or performances — about Latino history and culture. Latino Americans: 500 Years of History is part of an NEH initiative, The Common Good: The Humanities in the Public Square.

Learn more about Fort Worth’s Latino Americans: 500 Years of History programs and events at:

www.FortWorthTexas.gov/LA500





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About the National Endowment for the Humanities

Created in 1965 as an independent federal agency, the National Endowment for the Humanities supports research and learning in history, literature, philosophy and other areas of the humanities by funding selected, peer-reviewed proposals from around the nation. Additional information about the National Endowment for the Humanities and its grant programs is available at www.neh.gov.

About the American Library Association

The American Library Association is the oldest and largest library association in the world, with approximately 58,000 members in academic, public, school, government and special libraries. The mission of the American Library Association is to provide leadership for the development, promotion and improvement of library and information services and the profession of librarianship in order to enhance learning and ensure access to information for all.

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About the Fort Worth Museum of Science and History

The Museum was established in 1941 and is accredited by the American Alliance of Museums. Anchored by its rich collections, the Museum is dedicated to lifelong learning. It engages guests through creative, vibrant programs and exhibits interpreting science and the history of Texas and the Southwest. The Museum is open daily, except Thanksgiving, Christmas Eve and Christmas Day. For more information, visit www.fortworthmuseum.org

