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El Paso Museum of Art Presents: Homage to Dante and Gods for Future Religions

EL PASO, Texas — The El Paso Museum of Art (EPMA) invites the public to visit two new exhibitions, Homage to Dante: Salvador Dalí's Illustrations for the Divine Comedy and Ho Baron: Gods for Future Religions, opening Thursday, September 2.

About Homage to Dante: Salvador Dalí's Illustrations for the Divine Comedy Throughout his prolific career, Salvador Dalí was the illustrator of more than 100 books. Among the most celebrated of his book illustrations in his portfolio for Dante Alighieri's The Divine Comedy. In *Homage to Dante* presents Dante's narrative of his journey through Hell (Inferno), Purgatory, and Paradise.

About Ho Baron: Gods for Future Religions

Gods for Future Religions highlights the prolific career of local El Paso artist, Ho Baron. For more than fifty years, Baron has created surreal narratives in bronze and cast stone sculptures, pen and ink drawings, photographs, and assemblages. Working intuitively, he creates motifs that reflect his unique and personal style of figures.

Both family-friendly exhibits will be accompanied by complementary events:

- Opening reception: 5 p.m. Thursday, September 22
- EPMA Family day Exquisite corpse: 12 to 3 p.m. Saturday, September 24

EPMA will be hosting these two complementary yet distinctive exhibitions side-by-side in the Woody and Gayle Hunt Family Gallery. Baron's anthropomorphic and otherworldly figures offer a great juxtaposition to Dalí's illustrations of the Divine Comedy.

Homage to Dante is presented with generous support from The Park West Foundation, founders Albert and Mitsie Scaglione, and director Diane Pandolfi. Support for Gods for Future Religions is provided by the Mellon Foundation, the Texas Commission on the Arts, the El Paso Museum of Art Foundation, and the City of El Paso Museums and Cultural Affairs Department.

Both exhibitions run through January 15, 2023. For more information on both exhibitions as well as programs and activities at the El Paso Museum of Art at www.epma.art.

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