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NEVADA MUSEUM OF ART OFFERS FREE MEMBERSHIP TO PRE-K- 12 EDUCATORS

Thanks to the generosity of Clark/Sullivan Construction, Martin Iron Works, Merit Electric, RHP Mechanical and Stitser Drywall, preK-12 educators statewide have access to free memberships to the Nevada Museum of Art.

Reno, NV (April 17, 2023)- Thanks to the generosity of five local leaders in the construction industry, preK-12 educators from across Nevada can receive free educator memberships at the Nevada Museum of Art. Clark/Sullivan Construction, Martin Iron Works, Merit Electric, RHP Mechanical and Stitser Drywall have all committed their support to this program that seeks to connect educators with resources that support STEAM initiatives in the classroom, including curriculum and lesson plan development, as well as free monthly professional development sessions.

Educator members enjoy access to programs, talks, and lectures throughout the year free of charge. Membership also supports educators in developing a deeper knowledge of artistic practices, interdisciplinary learning, and empowering Nevada's educators to be ambassadors for student-centered creative and critical thinking.

"Clark/Sullivan Construction is proud continue to be one of the sponsors of the Educator Membership program offered by the Nevada Museum of Art," said Jarrett Rosenau, President / NV Operations, Clark/Sullivan Construction. "Students who experience STEAM-based education receive many benefits; most notably, they will be the future's creative problem-solvers and their unique capacity to think outside the box. That's just one reason it is always a priority for us to show our support for both the Museum and to educators and students across Nevada."

What is also unique: this year's sponsors of Educator Memberships are not only supporting the future through their sponsorship of this program, but as contractors for the Museum's \$60 million expansion project. In more ways than one, they are also helping to establish a solid foundation understanding the importance of arts and culture, and for its applications across many aspects of our personal lives and professional livelihoods.

Answering the Need for STEAM Education

Earlier this month, over 500 educators from across the state attended the [2023 NV STEAM Conference](#), an annual professional development event that the Museum hosts in partnership with the Desert Research Institute exploring the connections between science, technology, engineering, art, and math. The Museum also continues to offer monthly Virtual Educator Evenings that have grown to reach more than 1,500 educators. These Educator Evenings provide professional learning opportunities to help teachers make connections between the Museum's collections and exhibitions, STEAM learning, and interdisciplinary arts integration, all grounded in the Nevada Academic Content Standards.

"Educators play a vital role in helping develop the next generation of Nevada's critical and creative thinkers and problem solvers," said Colin M. Robertson, Charles N. Mathewson Senior Vice President of Education and Research at the Nevada Museum of Art. "We are grateful to Clark/Sullivan Construction, Martin Iron Works, Merit Electric, RHP Mechanical, and Stitser Drywall for their visionary support of Museum's Educator Membership program which is so beneficial for our educators and students."

Currently, over 500 educators from across the state participate in the Free Educator Membership Program, which is quickly developing into a vibrant community of preK-12 professional dedicated to the Nevada of tomorrow, and the improvement of STEAM educational standards today.

Nevada Department of Education State Superintendent of Public Instruction Jhone M. Ebert couldn't agree more: "This is such an amazing and generous gift to give our Nevada educators. Our teachers and staff work incredibly hard to provide our students with a well-rounded education that prepares them for a life, a home and a future, said State Superintendent Ebert. A free membership to the Nevada Museum of Art is both a fun benefit and a valuable resource our educators can use to help inspire the next generation of critical thinkers and problem solvers."

[Educator Memberships are available by application](#) on the Museum website.

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Sponsors of 2023 Free Educator Memberships: Clark/Sullivan Construction, Martin Iron Works, Merit Electric, RHP Mechanical and Stitser Drywall.

The Nevada Museum of Art is the only art museum in Nevada accredited by the American Alliance of Museums (AAM). A private, nonprofit organization founded in 1931, the statewide institution is supported by its membership as well as sponsorships, gifts and grants. Through its permanent collections, original exhibitions and programming, and E.L. Cord Museum School, the Nevada Museum of Art provides meaningful opportunities for people to engage with a range of art and education experiences. The Museum's **Center for Art + Environment** is an internationally recognized research center dedicated to supporting the practice, study, and awareness of creative interactions between people and their

environments. The Center houses unique archive materials from more than 1,000 artists working on all seven continents, including Cape Farewell, Michael Heizer, Walter de Maria, Lita Albuquerque, Burning Man, the Center for Land Use Interpretation, Great Basin Native Artists Archive, Ugo Rondinone's *Seven Magic Mountains*, and Trevor Paglen's *Orbital Reflector*. Learn more at nevadaart.org.

Land Acknowledgement

The Nevada Museum of Art acknowledges the traditional homelands of the *Wa She Shu* (Washoe), *Numu* (Northern Paiute), *Newe* (Western Shoshone), and *Nuwu* (Southern Paiute) people of the Great Basin. This includes the 28 tribal nations that exist as sovereign nations and continue as stewards of this land. We appreciate the opportunity to live and learn on these Indigenous homelands.