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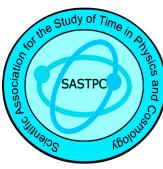
Cultural STEM Day: It Takes a Pueblo



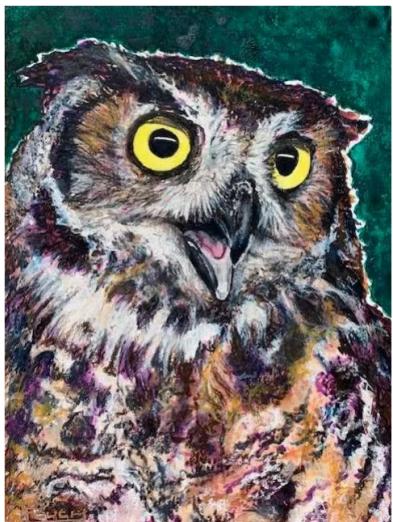
Tucson, Arizona, March 7, 2020 -- Fundraiser with Las Azaleas, Salvador Duran, featuring Gabriel Ayala, and very Special Guest astronaut Capt. Robert "Hoot" Gibson on guitar! And with space art by Michelle Rouch, space jewelry by Planet Exophilia, and popovers/frybread by baker, Sherrie Cruz!

This unique event features retired astronaut, Robert "Hoot" Gibson playing guitar and singing! The all-female led Mariachi band Las Azaleas will welcome you, and the reading of the official proclamation for Cultural STEM Day will be followed by a complimentary tequila toast. Local favorite Salvador Duran next, and then the evening concludes with the magical Gabriel Ayala! A special musical treat for your ears, a never before heard duet, is possible, too.

Space artist Michelle Rouch will be exhibiting her Art Work. Popovers / Fry bread and Indian Tacos will be available for purchase made by Tohono O'odham baker Sherrie Cruz, and Planet Exophilia will be showcasing her spacey hand-crafted jewelry.



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WHO: All funds go to our Taking Up Space educational program for Native American girls.

WHAT: Fundraiser with all female Mariachi Band Las Azaleas, astronaut and musician Robert “Hoot” Gibson, musicians Salvador Duran and Gabriel Ayala, pop-overs / fry bread by baker Sherrie Cruz, Space Jewelry by Planet Exophilia, with ArtWork by Michelle Rouch

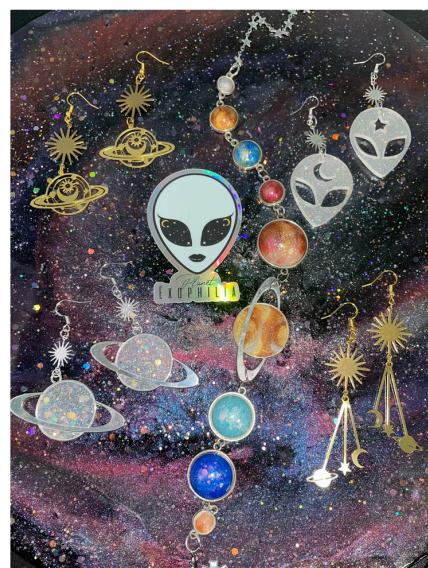
WHERE: Presidio San Agustín del Tucson - 196 N Court Ave, Tucson, AZ 85701

WHEN: March 20th from 4:30PM – 8:00PM

COST: \$20 Admission fee includes one free beverage for toast; \$15 for preordered contribution

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About Taking Up Space: The Taking Up Space mission is to expand the opportunities and future educational and career goals for Native American girls through 36 weeks of mentorship in STEAM education, Indigenous arts, and confidence building. After the completion of the program the girls are rewarded a six day all expense paid immersive STEM experience at the horizon-broadening Space Camp in Huntsville, AL.

About Las Azalias: When Las Azaleas was founded, we knew we wanted to pay homage to the many women pioneers in the world of Latin American Music. They have ultimately paved the way for many female artists and continue to do so today. Their artistry has stood the test of time. From Maria Teresa Lara to Rocio Durcál, and everyone in between, we want to shine a spotlight on the women who rocked the stage and continue to inspire an entire industry and generations to come.

About Salvador Duran: born in the mining town of Cananea, Sonora. In the late 1960s, he and his brother enrolled at the National Autonomous University of Mexico, or UNAM, in Mexico City. Duran's twin brother died when they were only one week old, and his mother theorized that Salvador received his brother's talent. "She said my brother might have given me the music or the painting. It could be true... I paint my music and sing my paintings."

About Gabriel Ayala: A member of the Yaqui people of southern Arizona, Gabriel Ayala is at the forefront of a new generation of Native Americans making a career performing classical music. He earned a Master's Degree in Music Performance from the University of Arizona in 1997, has taught at all educational levels from elementary through college, and serves as a competition adjudicator. Although Gabriel truly enjoys being a teacher his busy touring schedule allows him to only teach in masterclass settings.

About Michelle Rouch: Rouch is a self-taught artist with over 37 years of experience and combines your technical knowledge to create unique pieces of aerospace subjects. Her artwork promotes science and engineering and continues to develop new techniques to redefine aerospace art with a contemporary approach.

About Planet Exophilia: Rosie Johnson of Planet Exophilia is a space artist who creates cosmic art through fashion & jewelry and astro-portraits. She is a science communicator with a goal to use her art to inspire others to express the universe inside themselves, and to Look Up!

About Tucson Federal Credit Union: In 1937 a group of teachers with a vision came together to form a financial cooperative that could better serve the financial needs of Tucson's school employees and their families. A year later, Tucson Teachers Federal Credit Union (TTFCU) was serving 38 members and had acquired assets of nearly \$349. School employees volunteered their time to run the credit union until 1941, when the Board Treasurer was put on salary and the credit union moved into the basement of Tucson High School. Twenty years later, TTFCU had grown to 2,220 members, \$1.8 million in assets, and six full-time employees.