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NEW CAFÉ COMING TO THE ART MUSEUM OF SOUTH TEXAS

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A South Texas favorite is partnering with The Art Museum of South Texas to bring a new dining experience to the museum. The AMST and Water Street Restaurants announced its recent partnership to open Elizabeth's at the Museum with an expected opening date in August, officials said.

The eatery will serve visitors with a menu that consists of tapas-style dining with a Pan-Mediterranean flare, Asian inspired dishes, and a full bar. Meals will be prepared for lunch and dinner; as well as after-hour events, according to the museum's website.

In August 2020, Hester's Café permanently closed its well-known location at the museum, according to the Corpus Christi Caller-Times. Many local businesses in the coastal bend went out of business due to the global pandemic that was spawned by the COVID-19 virus. The Art Museum has remained open since its closure.

Well known Corpus Christi restaurateur, Richard Lomax confirmed the company will add Elizabeth's at the Museum to its eateries. "We are anticipating opening for lunch in August and opening for dinner service about 6 weeks after that."



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Part of the Art Museum of South Texas' appeal is its view of the Corpus Christi Bay.

Lomax listed the stunning views and ambiance in the museum as one of the main factors in his decision to partner with AMST. "It is such a treasure in our community, and we could not be more excited to add waterfront dining to our list of concepts. Moreover, we were looking to secure a premier venue for our banquets & catering division to grow our events business," said Lomax, "we are so lucky to have had the stars align and partner with the Art Museum of South Texas as they are truly an unrivaled space for community gatherings."

Lomax plans not only to add another downtown dining choice to his patrons, but also to expand the company's other services. "The Water Street Banquets & Catering team will finally have a proper space to call their home so they can fully focus on making the special events for our community unforgettable. Our experienced team's hospitality will shine in this beautiful venue," said Lomax

According to Lomax's creative play on words, guests will find themselves "sipping delicious cocktails, snacking on tasty bites, and watch-

ing the ships roll across our bay. Corpus will truly be able to taste & sea when they visit!"

The Art Museum of Corpus Christi offers Islander students and staff free admission with proper identification. Lomax states that this offer extends into the new café as well. Lomax confirmed Elizabeth's is "offering a 10% discount for all AMST members, staff, and any TAMUCC students!" So, Islanders, take note and make sure not to forget your Sand Dollar.

This new restaurant not only offers a pleasurable dining experience for guests, but also creates a wealth of job opportunities for many local residents seeking employment. "We anticipate a very busy and exciting banquet season this winter, and we are always looking to add great people to our events team," Lomax said, "so please send the word out that anyone that loves the thrill of participating in the community's most special occasions should be on the Elizabeth's team!"

With Covid-19 case numbers dropping the art museum will be able to host more in person events. The restaurant still plans to follow all CDC and state governed COVID-19 regulations.

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