



UPDATE ON THE 2018 EXHIBITION “UNCOVERING ANCIENT MEXICO: THE MYSTERY OF TLATILCO”

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DISCUSSION

1. The 2018 exhibition “Uncovering Ancient Mexico: The Mystery of Tlatilco” is produced by the Riverside Metropolitan Museum (RMM) and will be displayed at the Riverside Art Museum (RAM) February 3 – December 30, 2018.
2. This new partnership enhances the development of a “Museum Corridor” on Mission Inn Avenue.
3. The exhibition will give the RMM a presence in the community while the museum site is shuttered.
4. The exhibition features a RMM collection that has not been previously exhibited:
 - a) Includes Tlatilco objects on loan from the Smithsonian Institution’s National Museum of the American Indian and the Los Angeles County Museum of Art (LACMA).

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WHAT IS THE MYSTERY?

1. 3000 years ago the Tlatilco people lived along rivers in the Valley of Mexico on the outskirts of today's Mexico City.
2. Through an archaeological excavation, clay objects including figurines, bowls, vessels, masks, and musical instruments were uncovered.
3. What can we learn about these ancient people?



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TLATILCO ARCHAEOLOGICAL SITE, CA 1940s



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TLATILCO OBJECTS



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PARTNERSHIP WITH THE RIVERSIDE ART MUSEUM (RAM)

1. The RMM/ RAM partnership offers exciting possibilities for both Museums.
2. RAM brings a new perspective, diverse experiences and a staff with different strengths.
3. RMM brings its collections, history of creating culturally diverse exhibitions, and regional and national museum connections through past loans and Smithsonian Affiliates.
4. These strengths allow a different approach to exhibition planning, design and development to be implemented.



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COMMUNITY OUTCOMES

1. Greater appreciation of the rich culture of these ancient Mexican people;
2. Understanding of the archaeological process and how the Tlatilco story was uncovered;
3. Members of Riverside's Hispanic community will have the opportunity to be introduced to this aspect of their rich heritage;
4. Visitors will compare how they live today with how ancient Tlatilco people lived; and
5. Visitors will recognize that the foods they eat today were eaten by Tlatilco peoples thousands of years ago.



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THANK YOU!



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