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"Roots/Raíces" exhibition opens at Anythink Commerce City

Latin American agricultural art and artifacts curated by Museo de las Americas

COMMERCE CITY, Colo.—Feb. 14, 2019—Beginning Feb. 26, community members can explore the agricultural roots of Latin America with "Roots/Raíces," an exhibition curated by Museo de las Americas specially for Anythink. This collection of arts and artifacts provides insight into the relationship between humans and the earth, highlighting the ways in which land and agriculture are fundamental to wellbeing. "Roots/Raíces" will be on display at Anythink Commerce City through May 1. Media and the public are invited to join staff from Anythink and Museo de las Americas at an opening reception on Saturday, March 2. The reception will include cultural entertainment, food, children's programming and more. Details provided below.

"By experiencing 'Roots/Raíces,' we hope visitors will gain a deeper understanding and appreciation of the environment and the role agriculture plays in supporting our community," says Anythink Director of Innovations and Brand Strategy Stacie Ledden. "We are thrilled to partner with Museo de las Americas to bring this exhibition to Commerce City and Adams County, both of which are rich in agricultural history."

"Museo de las Americas is passionate about bringing Latin art and culture to the public, which is why we are delighted to collaborate with Anythink to present 'Roots/Raíces,' an exhibition which highlights the agricultural background and culture of Latin American people," says Laura Beacom, curator of collections at Museo de las Americas. "Roots/Raíces' is offered through Museo's traveling exhibit program, Sin Fronteras (Without Borders)."

"Roots/Raíces" is hosted in conjunction with Dig It, Anythink's March district-wide initiative that celebrates all things backyard farming and gardening. Through partnerships and programs, Dig It aims to empower individuals to take pride in their passions and environment, while also celebrating Adams County's established agricultural roots. A full list of Dig It programs can be found at *anythinklibraries.org*.

- Exhibition Details -

Roots/Raices

An exhibition exploring the agricultural roots of Latin America On display Feb. 26-May 1, 2019

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The story of humanity is the story of earth. Discover the art, artifacts and agricultural roots of Latin America with "Roots/Raíces," an exhibition curated by Museo de las Americas specially for Anythink.

- Event Details -

"Roots/Raíces" Opening Reception & Legend of the Three Sisters Program

Saturday, March 2, 2019 Reception: 2-3 pm; Program: 3-4 pm

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Gather for the opening reception of "Roots/Raíces," an exploration of the agricultural roots of Latin America through art and artifacts. Enjoy music and food while taking in this exhibition curated by Museo de las Americas specially for Anythink. Following the reception, kids in grades kindergarten through 6 are invited to experience the magic of oral tradition with The Legend of the Three Sisters. This engaging legend teaches the importance of Native American horticulture traditions and planting methodology, and participants will create corn-husk dolls. Events are free and open to the public. No registration required.

About Anythink™

Anythink is a new style of library – a place of unlimited imagination, where play inspires creativity and lifelong learning. Anythink serves the residents of Adams County, Colo., with seven libraries and a bookmobile. With a focus on innovation, Anythink's award-winning approach to library service is recognized by industry leaders and organizations across the globe. For more information, visit anythinklibraries.org.

About Museo de las Americas

Located in the heart of the Santa Fe Arts District, Museo de las Americas is the premier Latin American art museum in the Rocky Mountain region. Museo is dedicated to educating our community through collecting, preserving, and exhibiting the arts and cultures of Latin America, uniting ancient and contemporary works to create a unique

experience for visitors. Museo has served the Denver community for 27 years through award-winning exhibitions, arts education programming, and special events.