

EL MUSEO DEL BARRIO

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EL MUSEO DEL BARRIO ANNOUNCES NEW ONLINE ARCHIVE OF EXHIBITION CATALOGUES AND BROCHURES SPANNING NEARLY FIFTY YEARS

NEW YORK, NY, June 4, 2020 – As part of its new online bilingual initiative, *El Museo en tu Casa*, El Museo del Barrio announces the launch of an online archive of exhibition catalogues and brochures from the past fifty years. As important scholarly resources, the digitized publications feature illustrations and texts by artists, scholars, museum professionals, and other experts, that in many cases represent the first, and in some instances, the only existing references on particular artists and/or subjects. Though previously available to scholars by appointment, full text digital reproductions of these materials are now available for open access to the public for the first time.

Materials include catalogs from groundbreaking exhibitions like *La herencia artística de Puerto Rico*, co-hosted by El Museo and the Metropolitan Museum of Art in 1973; pioneering group exhibitions dedicated to Taino visual culture and the Nuyorican art collective, Taller Boricua; catalogues produced to celebrate institutional milestones, including the three part 25th Anniversary exhibition series; early monographs for such important artists as *Myrna Baéz*, *Rafael Montañez Ortiz*, *Pepón Osorio*, and *Carmen Herrera*, among others.

“It is an honor to make these groundbreaking publications that reflect El Museo del Barrio’s rich exhibition history and its long-standing role as a leader in the Latino cultural field available to the public. These publications serve as an important part of our archives that will not only create a sense of pride, but also introduce our institutional history to a new generation of museumgoers,” said Patrick Charpenel, Executive Director, El Museo del Barrio.

To access, please visit <https://www.elmuseo.org/archives-exhibitions/>.

ABOUT EL MUSEO DEL BARRIO

El Museo del Barrio, founded by a coalition of Puerto Rican parents, educators, artists, and activists, is the nation’s leading Latinx and Latin American cultural institution. The Museum welcomes visitors of all backgrounds to discover the artistic landscape of these communities through its extensive permanent collection, varied exhibitions and publications, bilingual public programs, educational activities, festivals, and special events.

The Museum is temporarily closed due to COVID-19. To connect with El Museo del Barrio via Social Media, follow us on Facebook, Instagram, and Twitter. For more information, please visit <http://www.elmuseo.org>.

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