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Mayborn Museum Selects Sculptor Tom Tischler for Mammoth Sculptures

After an extensive search, Baylor University's Mayborn Museum Complex has selected renowned sculptor Tom Tischler to create their mammoth sculptures. The bronze mammoth sculptures will feature a bull and a mother with a calf, standing in front of the museum facing University Parks Drive. Tischler has been creating bronze sculptures for over 30 years and has produced an inspiring collection of original sculptures.

"We are thrilled to work with Tischler and his chosen design partners, Pyrology Foundry & Studio and Howard Designs, both of Bastrop, Texas, to create this new icon for our community," Mayborn Museum Exhibits Manager Trey Crumpton said. "Tom has an exceptional ability to depict animals in their environments and we have already begun to collaborate with him on our mammoth sculptures."

You may see some of Tischler's work and the expertise of Pyrology around Waco already like at the Waco sculpture Zoo and Cameron Park Zoo. Funding for these unique works of art was provided by a generous, anonymous donor. The Mayborn Mammoth Bronzes will complete the first phase of the Mayborn Museum's visionary plan to transform its natural science and cultural history wing. When completed, "Central Texas: the Crossroads of Time and Place" will not only bring the museum's exhibits up to date and offer visitors a more hands-on, immersive experience, it will be an experience in which every Central Texas resident can see themselves and explore the natural landscapes that drew people to the area. This project represents one of the most ambitious renovations the Mayborn Museum has ever undertaken.

About the Mayborn Museum

The Mayborn Museum Complex at Baylor University provides a wide spectrum of learning opportunities to engage visitors of all ages.

The exhibits and education programs encourage families to learn together and design their own museum experience. This complex features a natural science and cultural history museum focusing on Central Texas with walk-in dioramas including one of the Waco Mammoth Site. The Mayborn Museum Complex also encompasses a multi-floor science discovery center encouraging hands-on learning for all ages and the Gov. Bill & Vara Daniel Historic Village.

The nine wood frame buildings that comprise the village provide a glimpse into the past, bringing to life a community in the 1890s.

The museum's hours are: Monday-Saturday 10 am-5 pm

Thursday 10 am-5 pm **Sunday** 1 pm-5 pm

The museum is open all year long except for Baylor University home football games and the following holidays: New Year's Day, Good Friday through Easter Sunday, Thanksgiving Day, Christmas Eve and Christmas Day.

The museum is located at 1300 S. University Parks Drive, Waco, Texas 76706. For more information, call 254-710-1110 or visit www.MaybornMuseum.com.

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