



The Way of Water: El Paso with Forklift Danceworks
Phase 1: 2025

The Way of Water: El Paso is a multi-year arts-based project exploring water and the work of people who steward it in the Paso del Norte region. In partnership with the **University of Texas at El Paso**, participants will include **El Paso artists, neighborhood residents, front line water personnel, college students, scientists, and local water advocates.**

With nearly **25 years** of leading successful cross-sector partnerships, **Forklift Danceworks** will utilize its inclusive arts-based process in El Paso to:

- **Celebrate** El Paso's innovative water practices
- **Increase community pride** for the work of stewarding water
- **Improve understanding** of El Paso's water challenges
- **Create or deepen connections** between El Paso area government entities, community leaders, UTEP students, and El Paso residents.

Phase 1 of *The Way of Water—El Paso* will launch in **March of 2025** with the presentation of a free, community event in El Paso's San Jacinto Plaza on **Thursday, March 20th from 6-8pm**. This event will be part of **World Water Week**, which is organized by the UTEP World Water Cluster with various partners, and will feature El Paso artists, community members, and water experts sharing their skills and expertise through movement, song, and story-telling. This **free, family-friendly event** will celebrate El Paso's unique water story while building momentum for future phases of this cross-sector creative project.

Current partners for the *The Way of Water—El Paso* include: The University of Texas at El Paso (College of Liberal Arts—Department of Theatre and Dance, College of Health Sciences—Dept. of Social Work, College of Science, and College of Engineering), The City of El Paso—The Museum and Cultural Affairs Division, UTEP World Water Week, Mountain Movement, and Eco El Paso. *Additional partners are currently being confirmed.*

Current funders for ***The Way of Water—El Paso*** include the Mid-America Arts Alliance and the Texas Commission on the Arts. Monies raised will be used to underwrite funding for community and artistic participants along with paying for technical and production costs for the March 20th event.

If you have questions or would like to join in supporting this opportunity, please reach out to:
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Forklift Danceworks seeks support for Phase 1 of *The Way of Water: El Paso*. We invite you to take part in this ambitious initiative to increase community awareness and involvement around water issues in the El Paso region. All contributions are fully tax deductible.

Individual and Corporate Giving Levels for <i>The Way of Water: El Paso</i>	Benefits & Opportunities
\$10,000	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Invitation to attend a working rehearsal ● Opportunity to share remarks at performance ● Lead Sponsor recognition in all event promotion and all benefits below
\$5,000	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Advertisement in digital program ● Sponsor recognition in all event promotion and all benefits below
\$2,500	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Verbal Recognition at event ● Sponsor recognition in all event promotion and all benefits below
\$1,000	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Sponsor recognition in all event promotion and all benefits below

More about [Forklift Danceworks](#)

Forklift Danceworks activates communities through a collaborative creative process. For over 20 years, our inclusive performance projects have shared stories, built understanding, and created community. Forklift has reached over 50,000 people with free performances that typically feature the movement and stories of people whose work sustains our daily lives — such as sanitation workers, forestry technicians, and power linemen. Our process of co-created choreography challenges traditional notions of dance as an art form—redefining what dance is, where it happens, how it gets made, and who performs it. The company also partners with communities across the world to train local artists and government staff on its unique collaborative creative process. Through artistic programming and coaching, Forklift builds capacity for civic participation, collaboration, and connection across communities.

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