

Guide

Welcome!

Explore the story of Texas, and share your experience with us on social media! @BullockMuseum

Exhibitions

Three floors of galleries educate, engage, and encourage a deeper understanding of Texas history. Discover stories of:

- Texas's earliest inhabitants
- Texas as a colony, republic, and state
- Texas as a leader in industry and culture

Programs and Events

Bullock Museum programs provide an opportunity for the community to celebrate culture, explore new ideas, and share experiences together:

- **Family Programs:** Educational and engaging activities bring families together, spark conversations, and provide opportunities to learn and grow
- **Public Programs:** Thoughtful talks, captivating performances, and exciting social events explore the stories and celebrate the cultures that make Texas unique
- **School Programs:** Field trips, onsite experiences, and Distance Learning videoconferences connect student and teacher audiences with the stories of Texas through history, language arts, STEM, the arts, and more



Theaters

The **Bullock Museum IMAX® Theatre** with laser projection and immersive 12-channel sound shows documentaries and feature films on a 62-foot-tall screen.

The **Texas Spirit Theater**, located on the second floor, features three screens and surprising special effects that create a truly captivating experience.

For tickets, stop by the Ticketing counter in the Grand Lobby or visit [TheStoryOfTexas.com/films](https://www.thestoryoftexas.com/films).

Shopping

From books and toys to local foods, music, and custom art prints, the **Bullock Museum Store**, located on the first floor, offers a wide range of items and unique gifts perfect for all ages and interests.

Dining

Take a break from exploring the Museum and enjoy a meal or snack in **The Star Cafe**, located on the second floor. Museum admission is not required to visit the cafe.

Venue Rentals

Make your celebration historic at the Bullock Texas State History Museum! With unique spaces for every occasion, the Bullock is the perfect event venue for weddings, galas, corporate events and more.

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Every purchase supports the Bullock Museum's educational programming.

For more information and a full calendar of exhibitions, programs, and films visit:







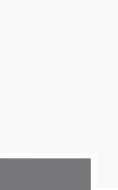
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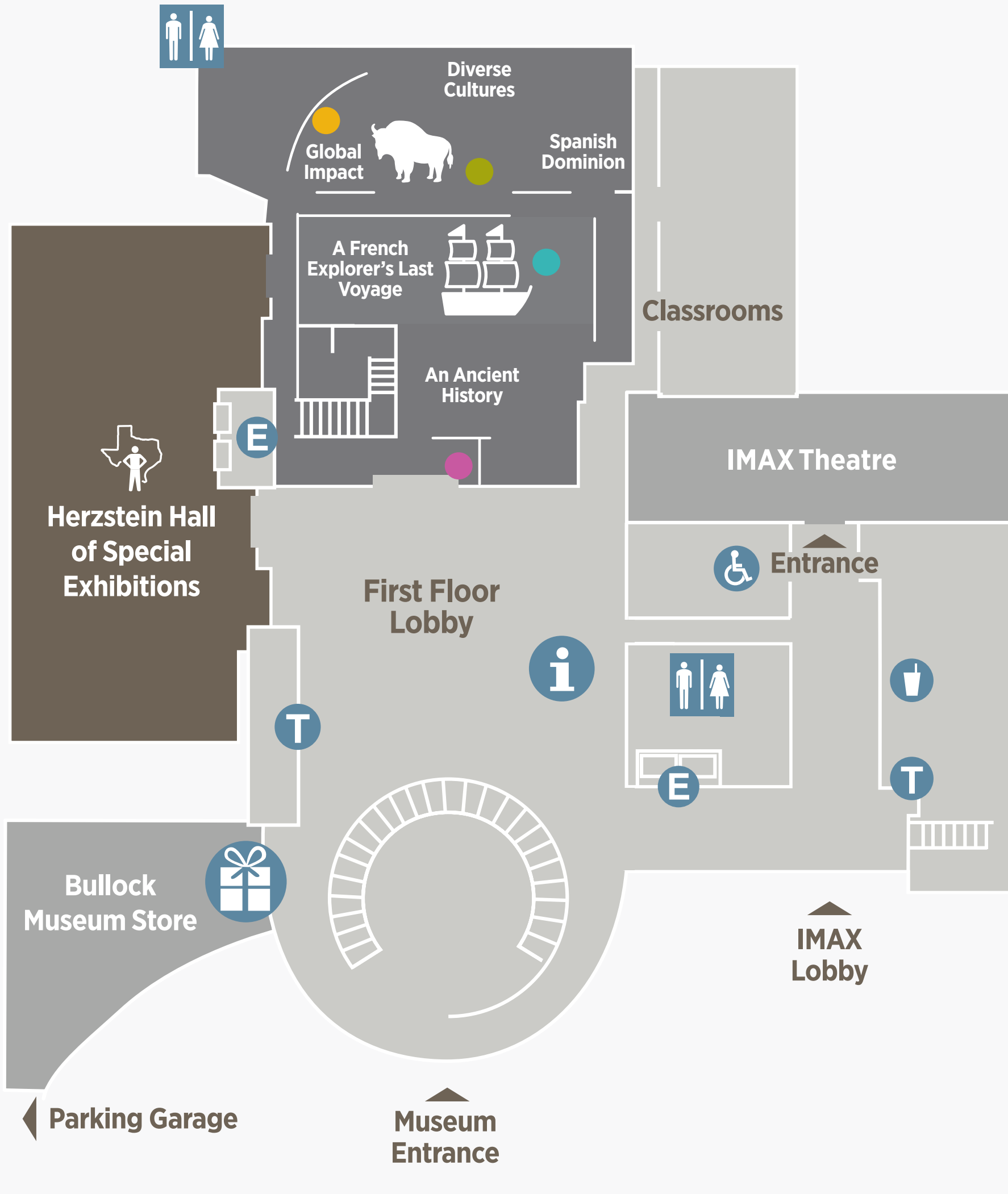
First Floor

Texas History Galleries

Becoming Texas: Our Story Begins Here

Explore more than 16,000 years on the land we now call Texas. Discover the people, places, and events that shaped the landscape prior to Mexican Independence in 1821.

-  **Information Desk**
-  **Elevators**
-  **Restrooms/
Water Fountains**
-  **Ticketing**
-  **Special Needs
Restroom**
-  **Drinks & Snacks**
-  **Gift Shop**



WHAT TO SEE AND DO

● **Incised Stones**

Discovered in Williamson County Texas, these engraved stones were made 10,000-13,400 years ago, expanding scientific knowledge of early artwork in the Americas. *Incised stones courtesy of Gault Site Collection.*



● **La Belle and its cargo**

See the excavated hull of the French colonial shipwreck *La Belle*, which sank off the Texas coast in 1686. View thousands of cargo items discovered with the ship, including items needed to start a colony and trade with American Indian groups. See the ship from various viewpoints as it would have appeared prior to sinking with augmented reality kiosks located on all three floors.



● **American Indian traditions**

Explore the importance of bison to early Texans, and learn how American Indian artists are passing on their cultures' traditions to future generations with interactive multimedia, artifacts, and a life-size bison statue made exclusively for the Bullock Museum.



● **Landscape theater**

Immerse yourself in different Texas landscapes and hear Indigenous languages with a multisensory environmental experience.



Second Floor

Texas History Galleries

Building the Lone Star Identity

Uncover the history of Texas's relationships with Mexico and the United States. Explore stories of settlement, uprising, war, and its aftermath that built the lone star identity.



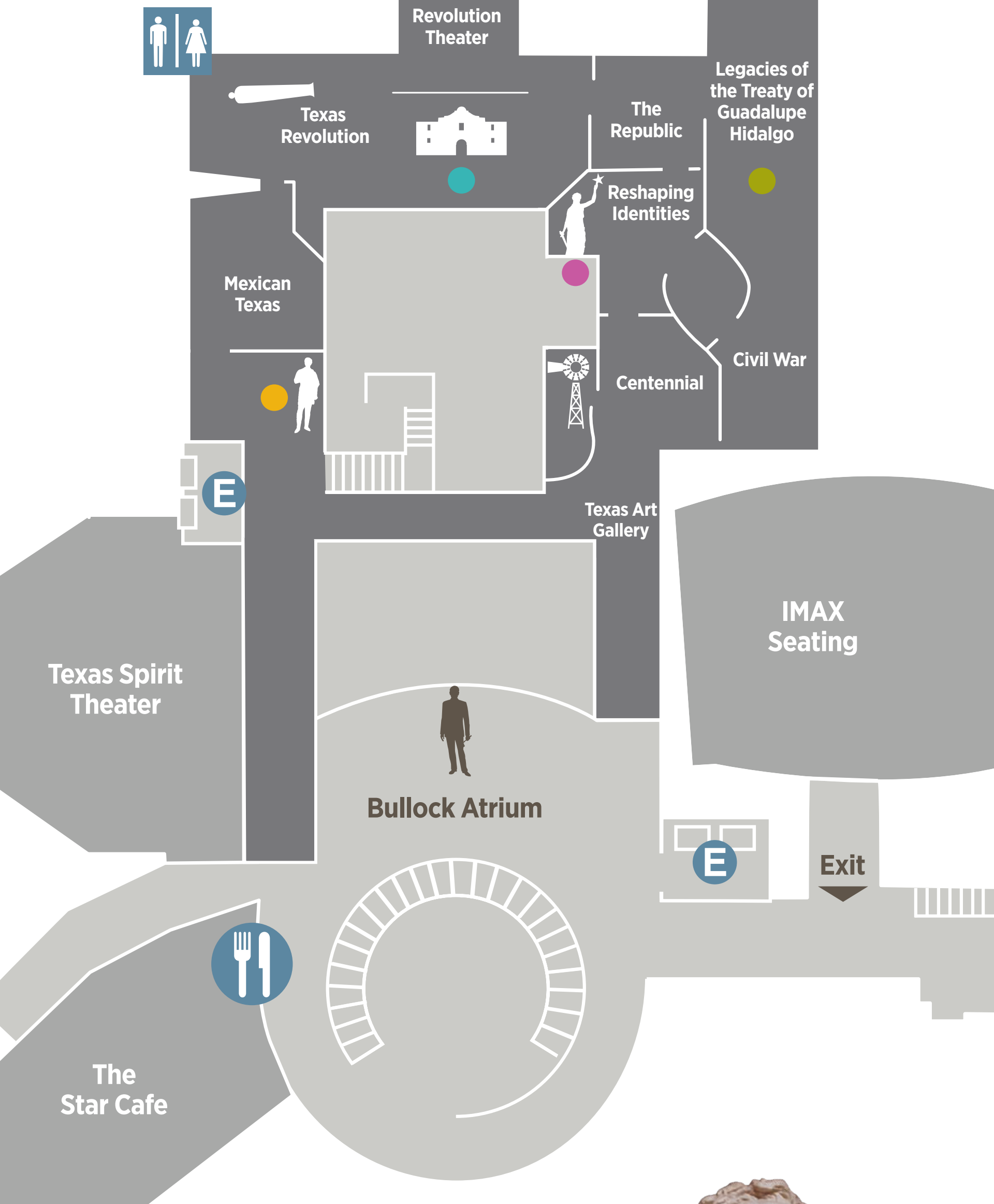
Restrooms/
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Cafe



Elevators



WHAT TO SEE AND DO

● Sam Houston statue

This statue by German sculptor Elisabet Ney represents Houston when he took on the leadership of the Texas revolutionary army.

● The Alamo

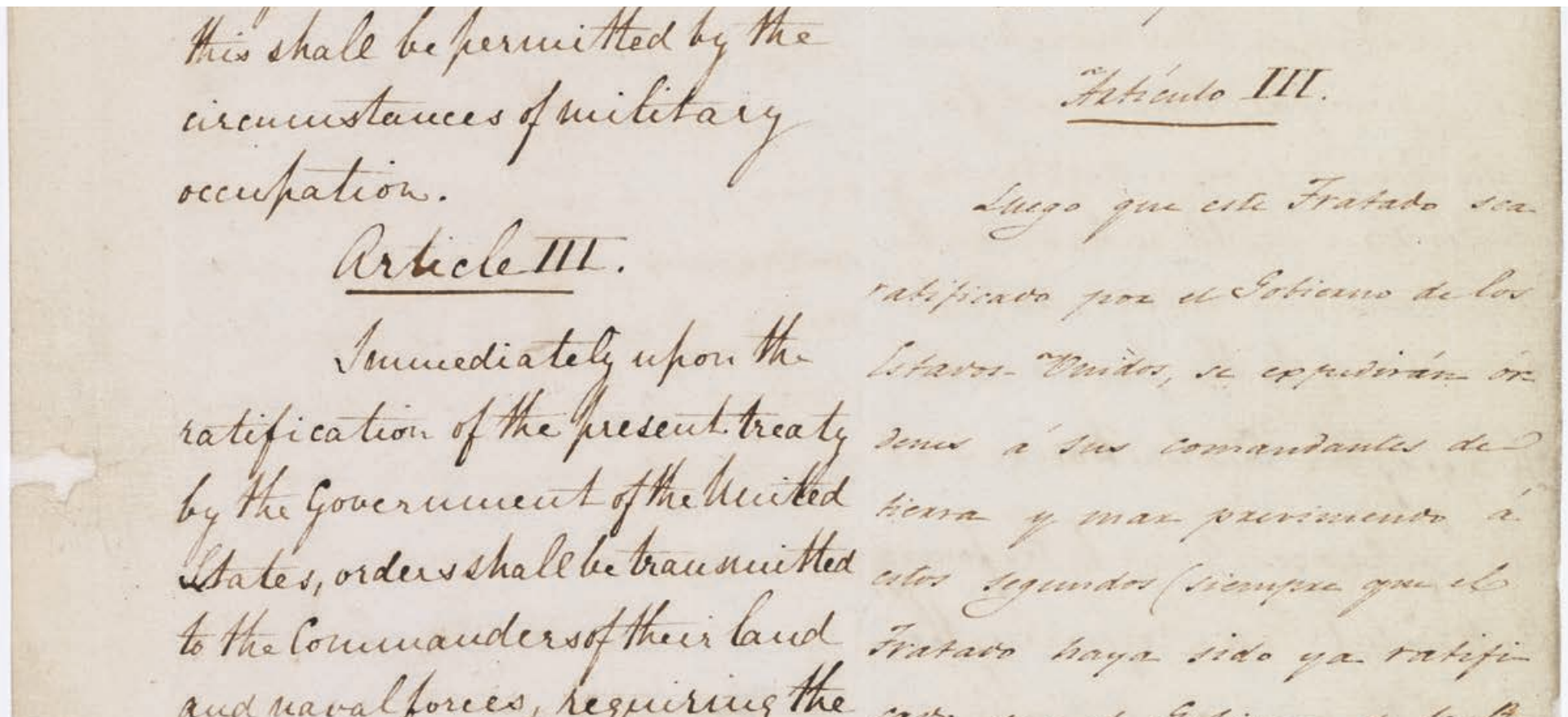
Step inside the door of the Alamo façade for a short film based on an eyewitness account of the Texas Revolution by Captain Juan Nepomuceno Seguín.

● The Legacies of the Treaty of Guadalupe Hidalgo on view through January 2025

The Mexican-American War and Treaty of Guadalupe Hidalgo dramatically impacted lives in the borderlands region. This focus exhibition highlights the war, the lands lost and gained, the creation of a new border, and the treaty's long-term effects that turned Mexicans into Americans and drove the U.S. into a civil war.



Courtesy Dolph Briscoe Center for American History, The University of Texas at Austin



Courtesy of National Archives and Records Administration, Washington, DC.

● Goddess of Liberty

This original 1888 statue graced the top of the Texas State Capitol Building dome for nearly 100 years. The Goddess of Liberty continues to represent the liberties of all Texans.

Courtesy Texas State Preservation Board, Austin



Third Floor

Texas History Galleries

Land, culture, and technology in Texas

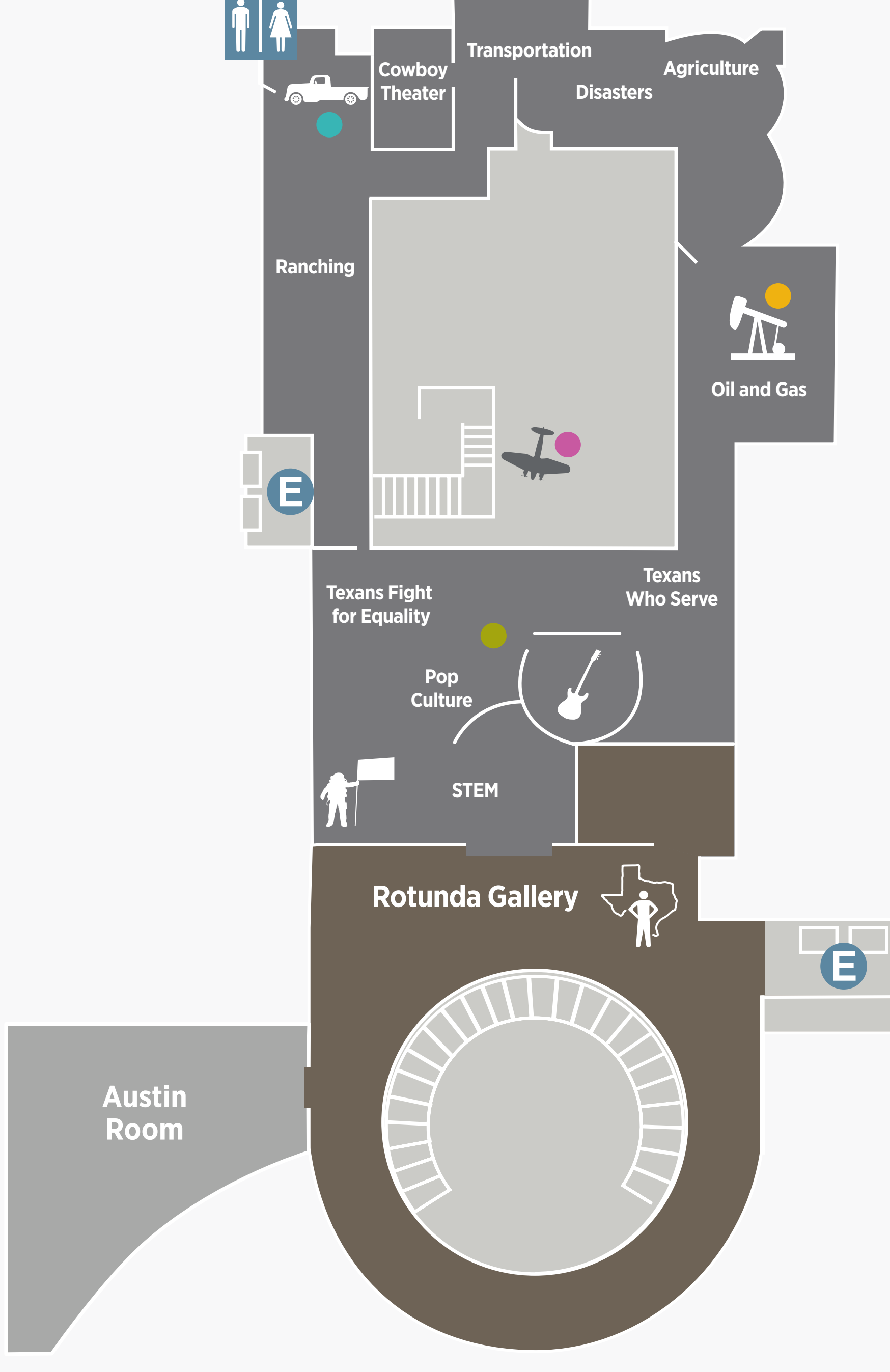
Learn how industries, scientific developments, and struggles for equality have shaped the state and continue to impact Texans today. Explore the iconic music, cinema, and sports that ignite the imaginations of the Lone Star State and beyond.



Restrooms/
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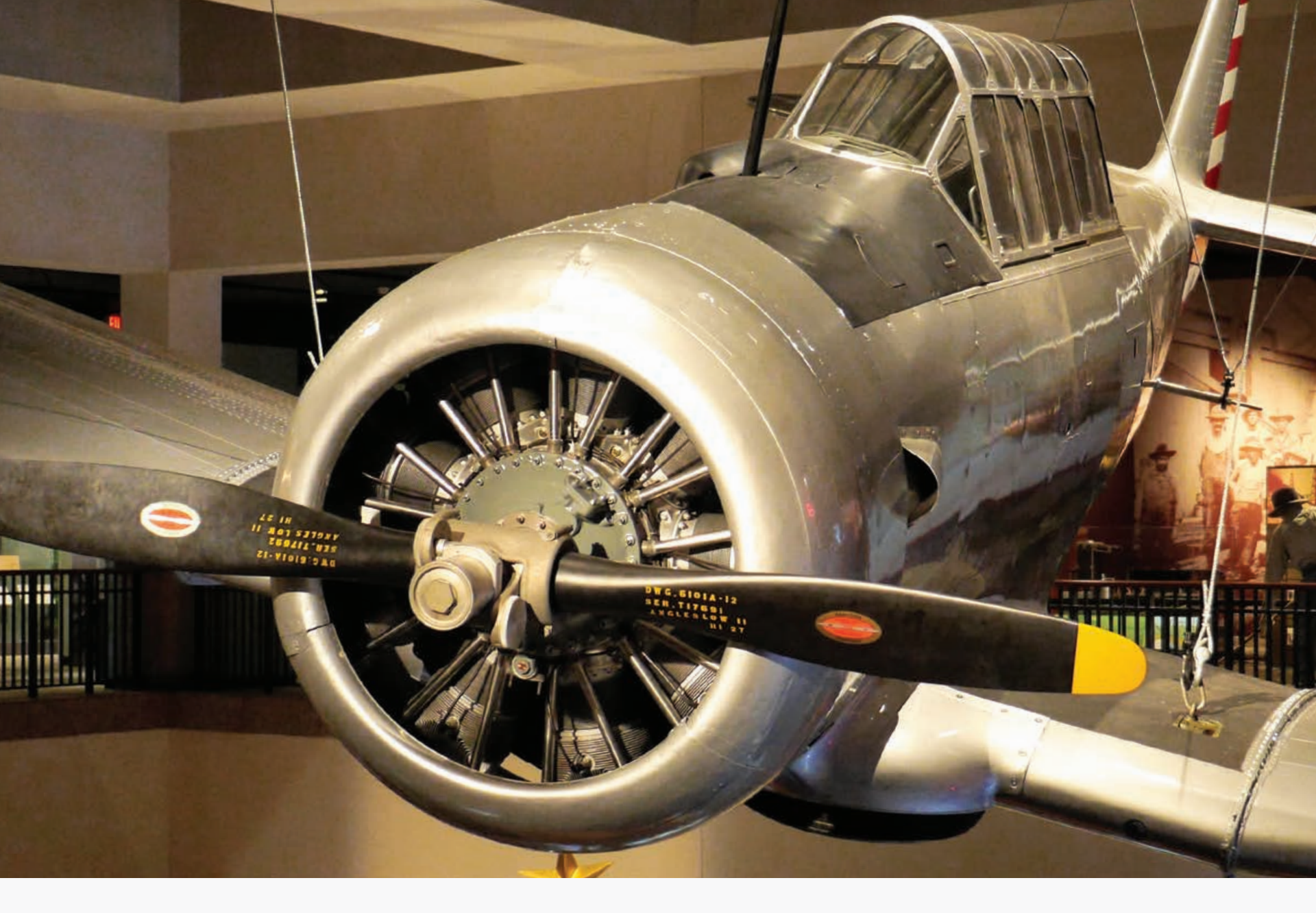
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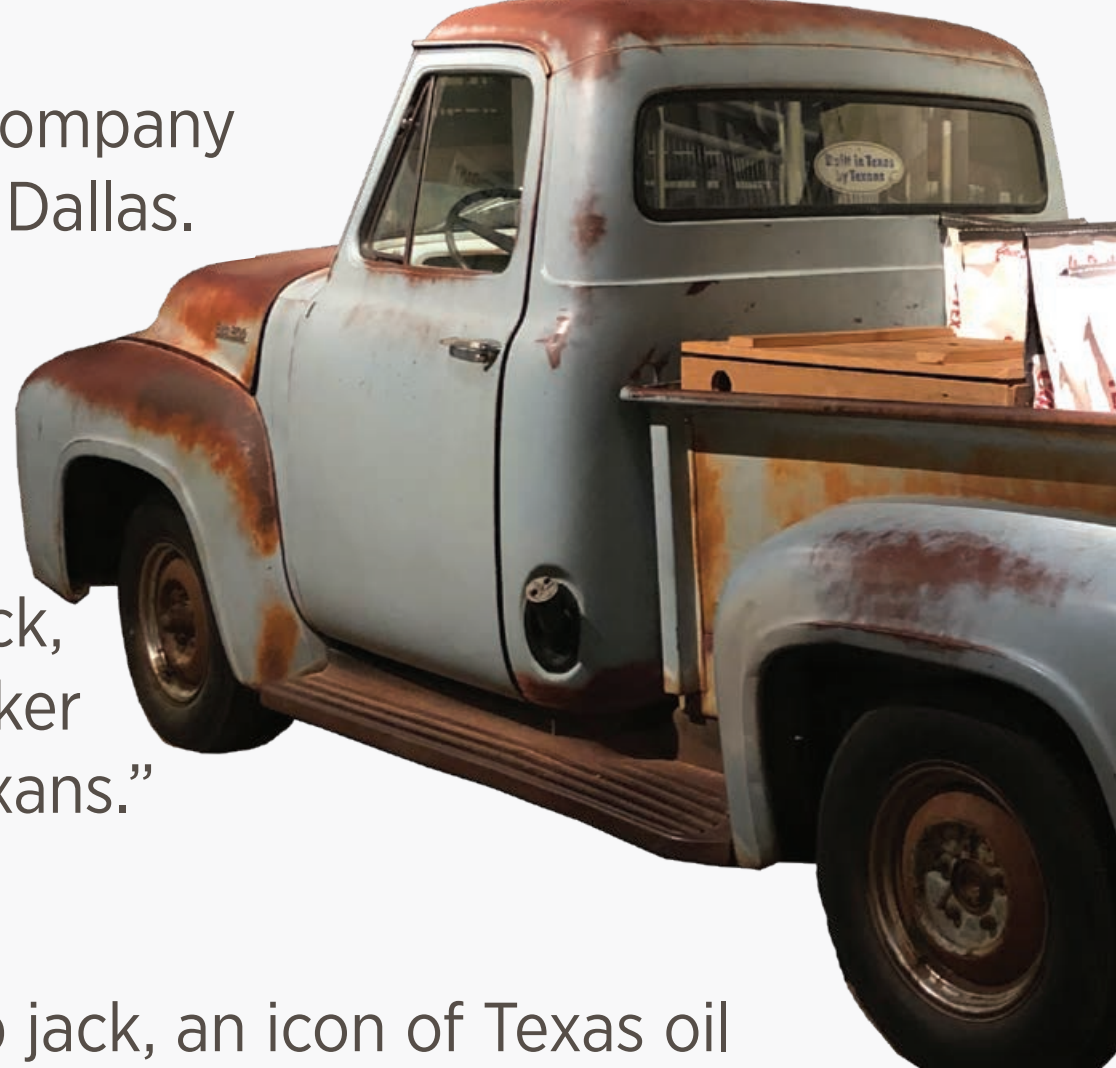
● AT-6A Airplane

The AT-6A “Texan” airplane was used to train pilots, including the Women Airforce Service Pilots (WASPs). The AT-6A soars above three floors of galleries with its Pratt & Whitney R-1340-49 Wasp radial engine on view nearby.



● 1953 F-100

In 1903, Ford Motor Company established a plant in Dallas. Fifty years later, Ford Motor Company celebrated its anniversary with the Ford F100 pickup truck, which carried the sticker “Made in Texas by Texans.”



● Pump jack

View a working pump jack, an icon of Texas oil production used to extract crude oil from the ground. Discover how these structures operate with an animation that demonstrates the process of forcing oil to the surface.

● Bobbie Nelson’s Piano

This Steinway Model B grand piano was country music pioneer Bobbie Nelson’s touring piano. She played in younger brother Willie’s backing band for five decades, with her passionate, gospel-tinged playing earning critical and audience praise alike.

Courtesy the Family of Bobbie Nelson.



Special Exhibitions

First Floor

Herzstein Gallery



Sharks

on view Nov. 11, 2023–Mar. 24, 2024

Come face to face with sharks, the ocean's most magnificent and misunderstood species. Experience the diversity of species in the shark family, from prehistory to today, and learn about the evolutionary adaptations that make these creatures so complex and unique.

Sharks is organized by the American Museum of Natural History, New York. The Museum gratefully acknowledges Warner Bros. Discovery for its generous support of *Sharks*. A selection of footage in *Sharks* has been provided by Discovery's *Shark Week*.



Carros y Cultura: Lowriding Legacies in Texas

on view May 11–Sep. 1, 2024

Explore the rich culture of Texas lowriding through a display of lowrider cars and bikes. Go beyond the vehicles to meet the people who make lowriding a community and learn how, together, car and driver maintain a legacy that has been nurtured across generations.

Sponsored by the Albert and Ethel Herzstein Hall Fund.

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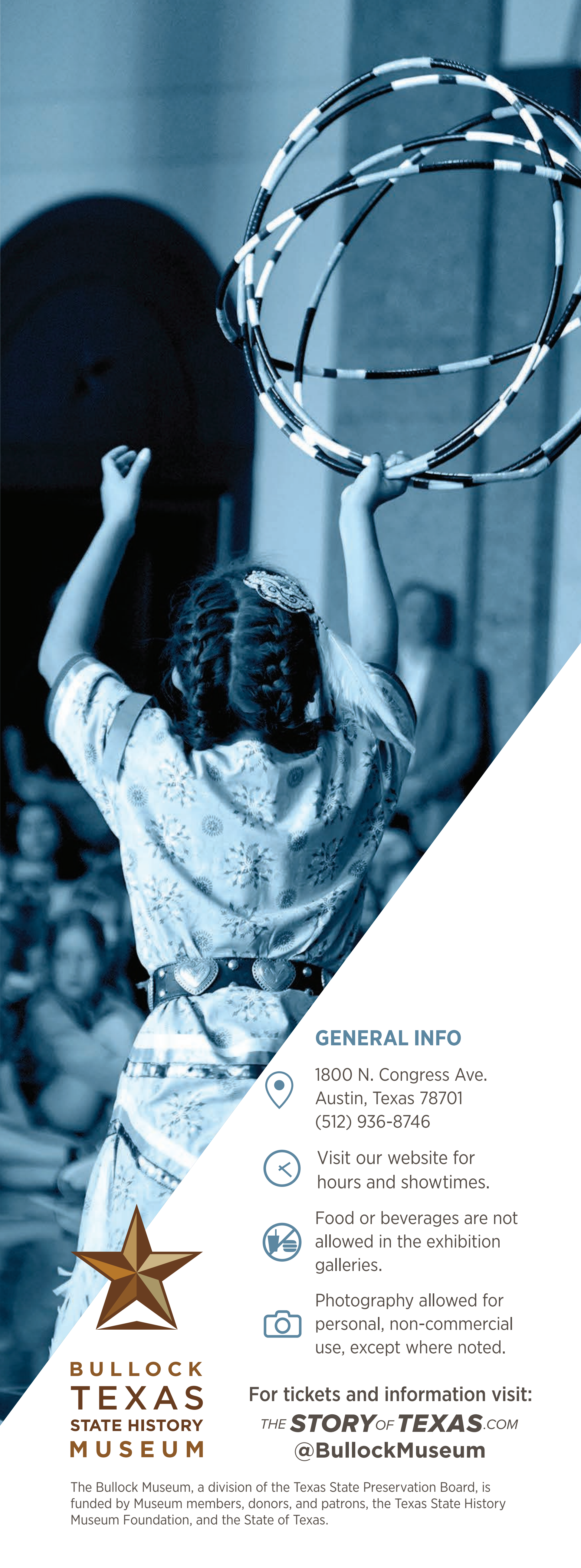


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hours and showtimes.



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galleries.



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use, except where noted.

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