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Raramuri: Runners of the Sierra Madre Exhibit
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BRYAN, TX --- **The Brazos Valley Museum of Natural History**, in cooperation with writer and photographer **Diana Molina**, proudly presents ***Raramuri: Runners of the Sierra Madre***. The exhibit reflects Diana's decade of research in the Sierra Madre region through photographs, interpretative text, and artifacts, offering a comprehensive, contemporary portrayal of Raramuri life and culture within the expanse of the canyon environment.

The *Raramuri: Runners of the Sierra Madre* provides visitors with an exclusive look into the lives of the reclusive Raramuri peoples, indigenous to the canyons of the Chihuahua's Sierra Madre. The exhibit will explore the tribe's distinct simple way of life and close connection with nature. The displays will take a deeper look into the expert traversing skills the people have acquired when crossing through tough terrain such as mountains and foothills, which completely gives a new meaning to the word "surefooted." The photo exhibition will include their racing tradition, Semana Santa, Matachines, the planting and harvest, education, family and other aspects of daily life.

The exhibit directs itself towards raising consciousness about the important balance of lifestyle and habitat while furthering the understanding and appreciation for the unique and exceptional Raramuri tribe. Images will focus on the lifestyle and ritual that is unique to this tribe because of its limited exposure to modern developments, while also illustrating the visible effects occurring from increased contact with outsiders. This exhibit is a celebration of the lives and traditions of the Raramuri peoples of the Sierra Madre.

Raramuri was made possible in part through Hotel Tax Revenue funded from the City of College Station through the Arts Council of Brazos Valley, Humanities Texas and the Holt Foundation.

The Brazos Valley Museum of Natural History is open to visitors Tuesday-Saturday from 10 am-5 pm. For more information about this exhibit and other displays, events, programs and activities, please contact the Museum at 979-776-2195 or visit us on the web at www.brazosvalleymuseum.org.

Admission fees: adults \$5; seniors/students/children \$4; members and children 3 and under are free.

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