After two years of preparation, the public interactive art installation Border Tuner is ready to foster and make visible the dialogue across the US-Mexico border.

Visual artist Rafael Lozano-Hemmer’s newest public art installation, Border Tuner, will preview on Wednesday, November 13, at 6:30 p.m. and everyone is invited to control huge bridges of light with their own voice and participation.

“Border Tuner is a participatory interactive art installation that highlights the unique historical and cultural connections between Ciudad Juárez and El Paso,” installation officials shared via a news release. “The installation allows for the sister cities to take their narrative and make it visible for the world to see.”

The preview night will start with 30 minutes of programmed performances followed by an open microphone to begin public interaction. The event is free and open to the public at Bowie High School in El Paso and Parque El Chamizal in Cd. Juárez.

The Border Tuner Kick-off will begin with a public preview on Wednesday, November 13 at 6:30pm with a brief opening poetic provocation, written by Andrea Blancas Beltrán and León De la Rosa Carrillo. Then Maria Isidora Pérez, Gobernadora de la Nación Rarárumi de Cd. Juarez and Dr. Yolanda Chávez Leyva from UTEP will speak.
Beginning at 8:30 p.m. Cuauhtémoc Medina, Curator of MUAC Museum in Mexico City, will give a talk at the forum tent; followed by a discussion led by Border Tuner Curator, Kerry Doyle of UTEP’s Rubin Center; and other activities.

Programming, featuring different topics, artists, writers, musicians and other border voices will be presented for the first 30 minutes each night through Sunday, November 24.

The small presentations will urge others to follow and participate with the installation and communicate with the other side of the border.

Many of the artists scheduled over the course of the 12-day installation will also be sharing previews of upcoming work.

To participate, residents are invited to visit one of the interactive stations on Bowie High School or Chamizal Park and turn the dial to direct the searchlights. Once your lights intersect with other beams the computer will open a bidirectional channel of communication so you can hear the remote participant and vice versa.

For those who can’t be present during Border Tuner, they simply log on to the website to participate through the virtual dialogue switchboard or send a voice message via WhatsApp +1-915-633-3784.

Programming begins at 6:30 p.m. nightly, click here for updates.

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