

Help Us Unveil the Forgotten Histories—Support "Roots Unveiled

Dear Friends,

We invite you to be part of a groundbreaking cultural movement. *Roots Unveiled*, opening this May at the Austin Public Library, is more than just an art exhibition—it's a powerful public education initiative that brings to light the overlooked stories of Chinese immigrants in Texas and across the United States.

Through contemporary art, historical artifacts, classical music, and immersive storytelling, *Roots Unveiled* traces the journey of Chinese Americans from the 1800s to today. This multidisciplinary exhibition gives voice to generations of resilience—stories of railroad builders, students, civil rights pioneers, and families who helped shape this nation but were written out of its history.

Spearheaded by Chinese American artist June Xu and curated by renowned diaspora scholar Sylvia XuHua Zhan, this project was born from a critical moment in 2023, when the Alien Land Bill reminded us how urgently we must educate and advocate. With support from the Asian American Art & Culture Initiative and communities across Houston, Austin, and Dallas, we've created a space where art and history converge to heal, empower, and inspire.

But we can't do it without you.

As Roots Unveiled prepares to tour Texas—reaching Dallas, Houston, El Paso, and beyond—we need your support to continue this vital work:

- Developing educational programming and youth illustration projects
- Transporting historical artifacts and artworks
- Researching local Chinese American histories for each city
- Expanding to future national and international audiences

Your donation will help us preserve and share these powerful stories—stories that remind us all that Chinese American history is American history.

Join us in unveiling the roots of our shared past. Every gift makes a difference.

With gratitude, The Roots Unveiled Production Team Asian American Art & Culture Initiative