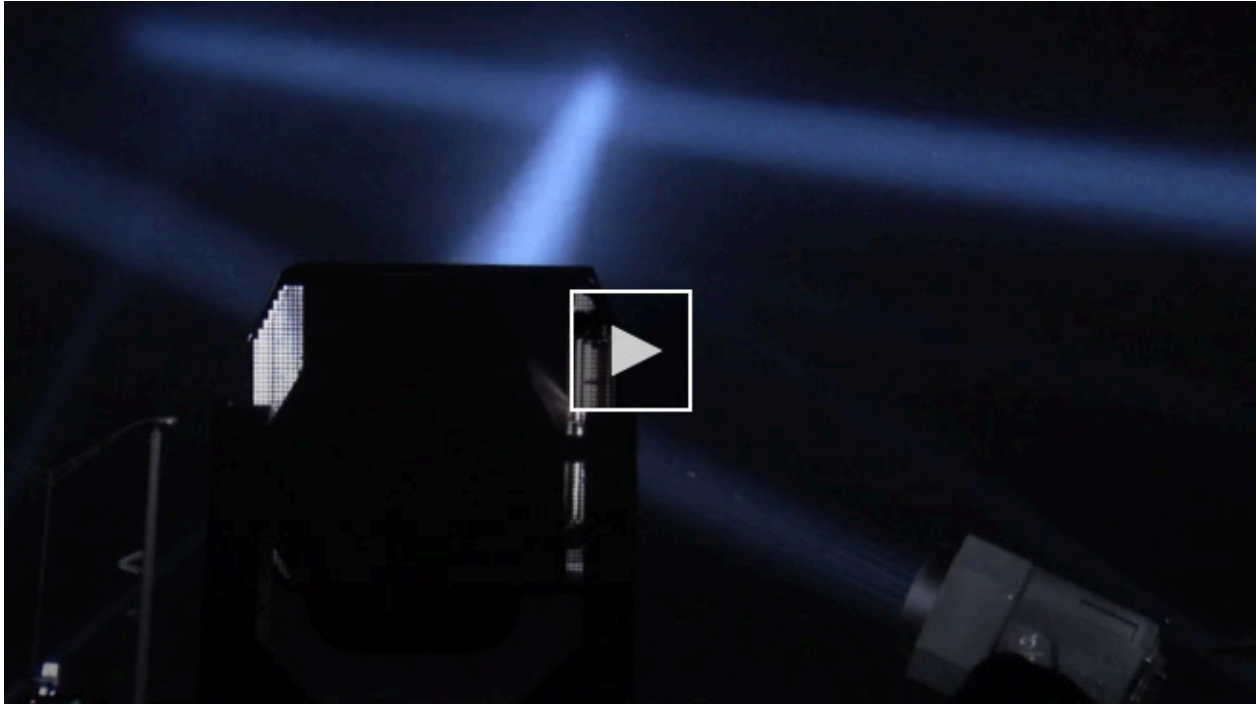


## Border tuner art installation unveiled to Borderland residents

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EL PASO, Texas (KFOX14) — Perhaps you've already noticed them lighting up the sky near south El Paso.

The beams of light are part of a huge, interactive art installation called the border tuner and that's the focus of this Built in the Borderland.

The border tuner was officially unveiled to the public Thursday night.

It was created by artist Rafael Lozano Hemmer, who was born in Mexico and lives in Canada.

The piece uses large robotic search lights to create bridges of light that originate in El Paso and Juarez but that's not all, they are also live "sound channels" for communication across the border.

Visitors speak or sing into six interactive stations, three in Juarez and three at El Paso's Bowie High School.

The messages are transmitted across the border and visitors are giving it rave reviews.

"I'm not from this community but it's so unique and special and I think this art installation reflects the values of our shared community in a really important urgent time given all the current events that are happening," said Ali Boyd a visitor.

The border tuner creates what the artists describes as a canopy of light that is visible for up to 10 miles.

It has several sponsors, including UTEP and the El Paso museum of art.

The installation will be open to the public for free every night from Thursday until November 24th.