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**Latino Cultural Center Showcases Dallas Artists with
6th Annual Hecho en Dallas Exhibit
July 2nd – August 22nd, 2009**



Cuyler Etheredge, "Zimbabwe Voter 1," monotype

DALLAS, June 24, 2009 – Reflecting the cultural and ideological inspiration of the Dallas art scene, the 6th Annual *Hecho en Dallas* juried art exhibition features professional local artists at the Latino Cultural Center from July 2nd through August 22, 2009.

Each of the 14 selected artists uses different media, ranging from sculptures to photography, to present political, social and personal concerns. For example, Plano photographer Lupita Murillo Tinnen focuses her work on immigrant women.

“These are strong Mexican immigrant women who are creating a new life in the United States and who are bringing traditions and customs with them in order to feel more at home,” Murillo Tinnen states. “While they each came to the United States at different times, they are all trying to adjust to the new culture.”

On the other hand, Cuyler Etheredge zones-in on issues outside of the United States in “Zimbabwe Voter,” a series of monotype pieces depicting men who wish to be seen but not identified.

“Their red-stained fingers offer proof that they have cooperated at the polls, as demanded,” Etheredge says. “But the monotypes catch them at a moment of defiance. The wary eyes peer out at us as if to say, ‘See us; see what is happening to us. Do something.’”

The exhibition was conceived by the Latino Cultural Center in recognition of the talented pool of artists whose creative endeavors give vitality to the cultural movement in Dallas.



Lupita Murillo Tinnen, "Choya," Gelatin silver print

This year’s jury was composed of Hugo Garcia-Urrutia, owner of Decorazon Gallery; Elizabeth Hunt Blanc, deputy director of

Southern Methodist University’s Meadows Museum; and Maria Garcia-Pedroche, head of family experiences and community outreach for the Dallas Museum of Art.

Garcia-Urrutia said exhibits like these are very important because they validate an artist’s work and help him or her grow in showcasing their work to the public.

“This exhibit invites the community to experience local art and brings people together to support what Dallas artists have to offer,” Garcia-Urrutia said.

The selected 6th Annual *Hecho en Dallas* artists are Lane Banks, Eunice Bridges, Aly Carrill, Don Carlos Espinosa, Cuyler Etheredge, Morgan Ford, Violeta Gutierrez, Brent Kollock, Bryce Lafferty, Frank Lopez, Chancellor Rodriguez Page, Kathy Robinson-Hays, Lesley Rucker and Lupita Murrilo Tinnen.

An opening reception with the artists will be held on Thursday, July 2nd from 6 to 9 p.m. Both the exhibition and the reception are free and open to the public.

The Latino Cultural Center is a division of the City of Dallas Office of Cultural Affairs. The mission of the Latino Cultural Center is to serve as a catalyst for the preservation, development and promotion of Latino arts and culture in Dallas. The Center is located at 2600 Live Oak, Dallas, Texas 75204.

LCC hours: Tuesday – Saturday 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. For additional information, please call 214-671-0045 or visit our Web site at www.dallasculture.org/latinocc.

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