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**Latino Cultural Center Showcases Dallas Artists with
7th Annual Hecho en Dallas Juried Exhibition**

A record 393 pieces were submitted for consideration, and 57 were selected to exhibit

DALLAS, March 9, 2010 – Reflecting the cultural and ideological inspiration of the Dallas art scene, the *7th Annual Hecho en Dallas* juried exhibition features professional local artists at the Latino Cultural Center from March 11 through April 24, 2010.

This year, the Latino Cultural Center received a record number of entries from 138 DFW artists – the most ever to submit for Hecho en Dallas. Each of the 38 selected artists uses different media – from sculpture to photography – to touch on political, social and personal concerns.

For example, Marian de Lefeld presents *Pequeñas Injusticias* (*Small Injustices*), an oil on fabric painting pointing to the relationship between petroleum and poverty in her native country of Venezuela.



Marian de Lefeld, *Pequeñas Injusticias* (*Small Injustices*), 2010, oil on fabric

“[This painting] exudes a hard reality of my homeland,” de Lefeld states. “Indifference is not an option. I feel compelled to raise awareness on this important, yet profoundly overlooked issue, through research and exploration of paintings.”

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.

This year’s jury was composed of Tomas Bustos, sculpture instructor at the Creative Arts Center of Dallas and founder of the Association of Latino Artists and Studies (ALAS); Cristina B. Medina, professor of visual arts and humanities at Mountain View College; and Gabrielle Castañeda Pruitt, owner of the 14th Street Gallery in Plano.

The selected *7th Annual Hecho en Dallas* artists are Marta Azevedo, Rita Barnard, Sharon Bernard, Chris Bingham, Jack Brockett, Kristine Byars, Angel Cabrales, Martin Campos, Bernardo Cantu, Katherine Colin, Humberto De Garrio, Bob Dreier, Oscar Duran, Natalia Ferber, Keirston Jacobs, Marilyn Jolly, Mariande Lefeld, Frank Lopez, Michael Mahler, Solange Mariel, Adriana Martinez Mendoza, Michael Maurer, Chris McHenry, Julia McLain, Francisco Moreno, Suzy Moritz, Roberto Munguia, Kim Cadmus

Owens, Jeff Parrott, Guy Reynolds, Daniel Rivera, Joel Sampson, Ingrid Scoble, Cat Snapp, James Michael Starr, Jeanne Sturdervant, Brandon Thibodeaux, and John David Tisdale.

An opening reception with the artists will be held on Thursday, March 11 from 7 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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