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Two Diverse Exhibitions Open at the Latino Cultural Center September 8, 2011

"Faith and Devotion: At Home with the Saints" and "Models of Public Art" will be on view this fall at the LCC

DALLAS, Aug. 23, 2011 – The Latino Cultural Center is proud to present *Faith and Devotion: At Home with the Saints* and *Models of Public Art*. The Opening Reception for both exhibitions will take place **Sept. 8, 2011 from 6:30 – 8:30 p.m.** Both the exhibits and the reception are free and open to the public.

In the early 18th century, a unique art form arose in the central states of Mexico. Images of a single saints or groups of holy people were painted in oil onto sheets of tin. These small paintings were used almost exclusively in private, devotional settings and were heavily produced from the mid-1800s to the early 1900s, though the tradition continues today. Catholic iconography meets indigenous artistry in this new exhibit from the Museum of the Big Bend at Sul Ross State University. *Faith and Devotion: At Home with the Saints* features 25 classic Latin American retablos. Deeply rooted in Spanish history, this genre of folk art represents the heart and soul of traditional religious beliefs of 18th century Mexican culture. The exhibition is on view through **October 29, 2011**.

Public art is a term that describes artworks placed in public spaces and places where people go as part of their daily life, like libraries, parks, and public buildings. This art distinguishes the city as a vibrant cultural environment that celebrates the diversity and creative energy of its community. "Artists' models and drawings give us a particular insight into an artist's approach to creating artwork for the public spaces," said Public Art director Kay Kallos. "We're delighted to

have this opportunity to show the public this stage of the design process completed by artists from North Texas, whose works have been commissioned by the City of Dallas." *Models of Public Art* features maquettes by 14 North Texas artists combined with photographs and text that describe the artist's creative process. The exhibition will be on view through **October 15, 2011**.

About the Latino Cultural Center

The Latino Cultural Center is a division of the City of Dallas Office of Cultural Affairs. Established in 2003, the LCC's mission is to serve as a regional catalyst for the preservation, development and promotion of Latino and Hispanic arts and culture. The LCC offers a year-round season of programs, including visual arts exhibitions in two galleries and more than 50 dance, theater and music performances annually in the Oak Farms Performance Hall. The LCC's signature family programs include Target Second Saturdays, the Día de los Muertos Celebration, and the annual Posada. 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/latinoculturalcenter.

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