

The Travelling Immigrants come to SICA

The Shore Institute of the Contemporary Arts, The May 1st Coalition, Casa Freehold, Advocacy Committee of the Reformation Lutheran Church, Galeria Rios II, Old First Church, South Ocean Art Gallery, and the Arts Horizon Leroy Neiman Art Center will present "The Traveling Imigrants Art Exhibiti 2009-2010."

Approximately 45 immigrant artists (who were displaced from their homelands) have participated in six exhibitions throughout the tri-state area. The sixth show will be at SICA, 20 Third Ave., from Jan. 31-Feb. 12. Opening reception will be Sun., Jan. 31, 3-6 p.m.

This exhibit was conceived because of the need to communicate about immigration in a different way. Art has transformative and healing powers which are truly needed at this time. Art can transcend barriers, borders and differences. The Immigrants Art Exhibit provides an opportunity for immigrant artists to respond artistically to this time in history in which immigrants are being globally and locally persecuted and deprived of their rights.

The exhibit has been shown at the Rios II Gallery and LeRoy Neiman Art Center in Manhattan; the Suffolk County Community College, Selden, Long Island; the American Friends Service Committee in Newark; and the South Ocean Art Gallery in Freeport, Long Island. The artists come from a variety of continents and countries including Ivory Coast,



"Esperando" (Waiting) by Jorge Guzmán, 2008

Taiwan, Guatemala and Chile. Since the first opening on July 10, requests to exhibit have been received from three additional galleries.

The artists exhibiting are Jessica Dias, María Contreras, Gabor Kolman, Professor Sompohi Baya, Jorge Guzmán, Seo Hyung Yoo, Francisco Fuentes González, Grupo Maya Kíche, Claudia de Franko, Julia Justo, Tasneem Shahzad, Grace Su, Omon Okor, Guillerma Escobar, Marisol Badilla, Balam Soto, Richard Delgado, Rebeca Olguín, Alexander Huinil, Rafael Gavilano, Julio Pantoja, Mariano Del Rosario, Huber Murillo, Virginia Ayress, Zoila Ramírez, Dorian Uriel Dominguez, Alirio Vargas, Carmen Quiñones, Iris Hernández, Isabel Cancel,

Catherine Ruiz, Juanita Torres, Manuel Colón, Haydee García, Francisco Osorio, Plamen Yordanov, Carlos Martinez, Elspeth Meyer, Mario Salej, Graciela Dora Muñoz, Aurelio Vail Vásquez, Hafsa Yakoob, Aida Rivera, Filiberto Perez, Sue Reboucas, and Carlos Canales.T

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