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**Opening Sunday, Jan. 31 // Long Branch**

The Shore Institute of Contemporary Art's latest exhibition is fueled as much by social activism as artistic vision. Approximately 45 immigrant artists (artists who were displaced from their homelands) have participated in five exhibitions throughout the tri-state area. The sixth show will be at SICA from Jan. 31 - Feb. 12, 2010; the opening reception is this Sunday, Jan. 31 from 3 - 6pm. "This exhibit was conceived because of the need to communicate about immigration in a different way," a gallery statement states. "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, NJ and the South Ocean Art Gallery in Freeport, Long Island. The artists come from a variety of continents and countries including Ivory

Coast, Taiwan to Guatemala and Chile. Since the first opening on July 10, 2009 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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