



CITY OF SAN ANTONIO
**DEPARTMENT OF
ARTS & CULTURE**

Centro de Artes Gallery at Market Square

In September, the Department of Arts and Culture began temporary management of exhibits within the Centro de Artes Gallery. This space is dedicated to telling the story of the Latina/o experience with a focus on San Antonio and South Texas. Exhibits will showcase local and regional art, history and culture with San Antonio and regional Latina/o artists and Latino-themed artworks. The gallery will be open to the public free of charge Tuesday – Sunday, 11:AM – 6:PM, and closed Mondays. The following exhibits have been scheduled for the Centro de Artes Gallery:

- **October 6, 2016**, 6:00 p.m., opening reception for *SATX/MX: Un Viaje Lleno de Cultura Exhibit* in 1st floor gallery. Exhibit showcases the shared roots of San Antonio's artistic community with those of Mexico, and celebrates our city's deeply held tradition of cultural exchange with Mexico. Artists explore their personal narratives of living in contemporary San Antonio through the lens of their Mexican and Mexican American heritage. Exhibit will remain through January 2017.
- **October 27, 2017**, 6:00 p.m., opening reception for *Día de Los Muertos Altars Exhibit* in 2nd floor gallery. Artists Ruth Buentello, David Casillas, George Cisneros, Audrya Flores, Mari Hernandez, Rigo Luna, Ashley Mireles, Ernesto Olivo, and Cruz Ortiz will create altars celebrating Latina/o artists and community organizers. Altars will honor Emma Tenayuca, Rosita Fernández, Adina De Zavala, Elvira Cisneros, Perla Tapatia, Selena Quintanilla Perez, Father Eddie Bernal, Emilio Navaira, Manny Castillo, and Juan Gabriel. Altars exhibit will remain through November 2016.
- **December 8, 2016**, 6:00 p.m., opening reception of *Our Comida, Our Cultura Exhibit* in 2nd floor gallery. The exhibit will celebrate San Antonio's long tradition of Mexican, Mexican American and Tex-Mex food culture. Exhibit includes the works of artists Chuck Ramirez, Rolando Briseno, Ruth Buentello, Arlene Mejorado, Destiny Mata, David Casillas, and others. It will also include a curated installation of memorabilia, photos, and artifacts celebrating Mi Tierra's 75th Anniversary. The exhibit will remain installed through February 2017.
- **February 9, 2017**, 6:00 p.m., opening reception for *Angel Rodriguez-Diaz Retrospective Exhibit* in 1st floor gallery. Rodriguez-Diaz is an accomplished painter who has pursued the social and political boundaries of portraiture since the 1980's. His paintings celebrate the diversity of individuals through the use of masterful brushstrokes and dynamic colors. He received his B.F.A. from the University of Puerto Rico and his M.F.A. from Hunter College. Rodriguez-Diaz has had solo shows in New York, Pittsburg, and Puerto Rico and has been included in numerous group shows throughout the US and Mexico. Curated by Ruben Cordova, the exhibit will remain through June 2017.
- **March 9, 2017**, 6:00 p.m., opening reception for contemporary art exhibit celebrating San Antonio and regional Latina artists in 2nd floor gallery. The exhibit will be curated by Kathy Vargas assisted by Dr. Norma Elia Cantu. Vargas is associate professor of art at the University of the Incarnate Word. She has had one person exhibits at the McNay Art Museum and in Rome, Mexico City, and Buenos Aires. Dr. Cantu, a prominent Chicana/o and Latina/o cultural studies expert and author, was recently appointed by Trinity University as the Norine R. and T. Frank Murchison Endowed Professor in Humanities. Exhibit will remain through June 2017.
- **December 2017**, the Tricentennial Commission, will install a historical timeline exhibit celebrating the 300 years of Bexar County and San Antonio's rich and important history. The timeline exhibit is envisioned as an inclusive articulation of events, places and "firsts".