City of San Antonio, UTSA to Unveil New Exhibit Featuring Works by Latino/a Artists

‘VOZ: Selections from the UTSA Art Collection’ Highlights Works Collected Over the Last 50 Years by UTSA

SAN ANTONIO (January 30, 2018) – The City of San Antonio Department of Arts & Culture and The University of Texas at San Antonio (UTSA) present a new exhibit featuring works that highlight artistic Latino/a expression collected over the last five decades by UTSA. The exhibit is curated by Arturo Infante Almeida, art specialist and curator for The UTSA Art Collection Department. It includes artworks by Manuel Álvarez Bravo, Graciela Iturbide, Jesse Treviño, César Martínez, Judy Baca, and many other nationally and internationally renowned artists. “VOZ: Selections from the UTSA Art Collection” is the largest exhibit to date at Centro de Artes, featuring 222 works by 166 artists. The exhibit includes works by 92 San Antonio artists, and an accompanying catalog includes an essay by San Antonio author John Phillip Santos.

The exhibit, free and open to the community, opens Thursday, February 8, 2018 with a public reception from 6-9 p.m. and runs through Sunday, June 10, 2018. Centro de Artes Gallery is located at 101 S. Santa Rosa on the grounds of Historic Market Square. The exhibit is part of San Antonio’s Tricentennial commemoration.

A committed advocate of San Antonio’s arts community, Almeida has served as curator of The UTSA Art Collection since 2002. In 2009 he initiated The Texas Contemporary Artists Series at the Institute of Texas Cultures. In 2011, he co-curated an exhibition of The Texas photographers in Lishui City, China at the 14th Annual China International Photographic Art Exhibition.

“The University of Texas at San Antonio is proud to share Centro de Artes’ dedication to recounting the stories of Latinos and Latinas. For three hundred years, San Antonio has been a place where different languages, customs and traditions have merged to form a unique cultural history,” Almeida said. “Like all stories of a particular place and time, the work on these walls is informed by pride, joy and a tenacity that reverberates in the voices that celebrate the Latino experience.”

“VOZ: Selections from The UTSA Art Collection” aligns with the mission of Centro De Artes as a gallery for showcasing San Antonio and South Texas Latino/a artists. Located
in the heart of downtown San Antonio’s Zona Cultural, Centro de Artes is a two-story exhibit space dedicated to telling the story of the Latino experience with a focus on South Texas through local and regional art, history and culture, and showcasing Latino artists and Latino-themed artworks.

“San Antonio is a cultural destination known for preserving and celebrating its Latino arts and culture,” said Debbie Racca-Sittre, Director of the Department of Arts & Culture. “This exhibit, with works by nationally and internationally-recognized artists, equally shines a well-deserved spotlight on the Latino and Latina artists in San Antonio whose contributions locally and beyond should be recognized and celebrated.”

The UTSA Art Collection comprises gifts and acquisitions of fine art to The University of Texas at San Antonio and contains paintings, sculptures, works on paper, and mixed media by many talented South Texas artists, some of whom are graduates of UTSA. Pieces in the collection are located in interior and exterior sites throughout the university’s three campuses and are maintained by the UTSA Art Specialist. The UTSA Art Collection enhances the educational environment for thousands of students, faculty and staff, while making UTSA aesthetically pleasant for visitors.

About Arturo Infante Almeida

A committed advocate of San Antonio’s arts community, Arturo Infante Almeida has served as curator of The UTSA Art Collection since 2002. Dedicated to promoting San Antonio and South Texas artists, he is committed to advancing the region’s thriving art community by promoting new exhibitions spaces and opportunities for cultural exchange with partnering museums, galleries and artists. In 2009 he initiated The Texas Contemporary Artists Series at the Institute of Texas Cultures. In 2011, he co-curated an exhibition of The Texas photographers in Lishui City, China at the 14th Annual China International Photographic Art Exhibition.

Centro de Artes Gallery is free and open to the public Tuesday-Sunday, 11 a.m.-6 p.m. More information is available at GetCreativeSanAntonio.com.

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