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### **Fifth Annual Hispanic Heritage, Hispanic Art Exhibition at Beck Center** *Collaboration with Hispanic Cultural Center of Cleveland aims to raise scholarship funds*

**Lakewood, OH**—Beck Center for the Arts and the Hispanic Cultural Center of Cleveland are pleased to present the fifth annual **Hispanic Heritage, Hispanic Art** exhibition in the Jean Bulicek Galleria. In honor of Hispanic Heritage Month, the work will be on display **September 9—October 9, 2016**. An **Artists' Reception** with live music, specialty cocktails, and dessert will take place Thursday, **October 6** from 7:30—9 p.m. The exhibition and reception are free and open to the public.

A number of exciting additions have been made in honor of the exhibition's fifth anniversary. To begin with, the exhibition is now the focal point of fundraiser for scholarships to benefit students in nearby underserved areas wishing to pursue arts education at Beck Center. A percent of all art sales will go towards the scholarship fund. The exhibition's selected artwork has been curated by Beck Center Assistant Director of Visual Arts Education **Darrelle Centuori** and guest co-curator, **Martinez E-B**. A graduate of the Cleveland Institute of Art, E-B recently had his work on display in a Beck Center solo exhibition.

"This important exhibition celebrates working professionals from our region, and showcases the diversity of the Hispanic culture that enriches our local community," remarked Centuori. Included are the dynamic works of **Augusto Bordelois, Angelina Esperanza Diana, Terry Flores, Dr. Maria Pujana, Bess Rodriguez-Richard, Dante Rodriquez, Jose Vasquez, and Hector Vega**. While their styles and mediums are very different, the artists share a common thread of representing Hispanic culture. "I dare viewers to approach this exhibition as explorers without generic expectations, and with the willingness to see the beauty of such a melting pot," concluded E-B.

In conjunction with this exhibition is the featured artwork of Beck Center youth student and scholarship recipient, **Gabriela Irizarry**. After receiving a Governor's Award in Columbus, Irizarry will now have her artwork installed adjacent to Beck Center's Main Gallery.

For more information about upcoming exhibitions at Beck Center, visit [beckcenter.org](http://beckcenter.org). For gallery hours, call Customer Service at 216.521.2540 x10. Beck Center is located at 17801 Detroit Avenue in Lakewood. Free onsite parking is available.

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*The Hispanic Cultural Center of Cleveland is an organization whose mission is to preserve and develop the Hispanic Culture in Greater Cleveland through the arts. With about 250 members from 21 Hispanic countries, the center is one of the most diverse Hispanic organizations in Cleveland, focusing on helping youths understand Hispanic culture. The center serves as an instrument of understanding among Hispanics and non-Hispanics.*

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