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**COMMUNITY FOLK ART CENTER OPENS EXHIBITION:
"Tesoros del Pueblo: El Arte Folklórico de México/Treasures of the People:
The Folk Art of Mexico"**

Syracuse, NY - Community Folk Art Center, 805 East Genesee Street in Syracuse, will open the exhibition, *Tesoros del Pueblo: El Arte Folklórico de México/Treasures of the People: The Folk Art of Mexico*. The exhibition will be on view in Gallery 805, the Herbert T. Williams Gallery and the Corridor Gallery from January 23rd through May 5th, 2010. There will be an opening reception on Saturday, January 23rd from 2:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. Regular gallery hours are Tuesday through Friday from 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. and Saturday from 11:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Tesoros del Pueblo: El Arte Folklórico de México features folk art and photographs from the collection of Dr. Alejandro Garcia, Professor of Social Work at Syracuse University. Garcia began collecting Mexican folk art several years ago as a means to connect with his heritage. Garcia explains, "This collection, in essence, represents who I am, my pride in the richness of Mexican culture, and my celebration of the artistry of Mexican individuals who, in their carving, painting, sewing, and molding, present all of us with precious gifts."

The opening reception will feature performances by guitarist Victor Lopez and vocalist Carolina Kim as well as a dance performance by La Joven Guardia del Teatro Latino.

The following programs are planned throughout the duration of the exhibition. All programs take place at CFAC unless otherwise indicated:

Films (all films begin at 7:00 p.m., admission is free):

- February 18th: "Blossoms of Fire," a film by Maureen Gosling and Ellen Osborne, followed by a discussion facilitated by Dr. Alejandro Garcia.
- March 18th: "Bajo La Misma Luna/Under the Same Moon," a film by Patricia Riggen.
- April 15th, 7:00 p.m.: "La Raiz Olvidada/The Forgotten Root," a film by Rafael Rebollar Corona.



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Workshops (each two-part, fee and registration required, please call CFAC to register):

- February 26th, 7:00 p.m. and February 27th, 12:00 p.m.: Sugar Skulls (traditional Day of the Dead craft). Workshop fee: \$25.
- April 30th, 7:00 p.m. and May 1st, 1:00 p.m.: Piñata Workshop, in celebration of Dia de los Niños. Workshop fee: \$15.

Special Programs:

- February 16th, 7:30 p.m.: Lydia Cacho Lecture, sponsored by Tully Center for Free Speech, Newhouse School of Public Communications (Location: Hergenhan Auditorium Newhouse 3, SU Campus).
- March 12th, 7:00 p.m. and March 13th, 2:00 p.m.: Play and Discussion: "Mujeres de Arena: Testimony of Women from Ciudad Juárez," (Location: PRPAC Black Box Theater, 805 E. Genesee Street).
- May 5th, 7:00 p.m.: Cinco de Mayo Closing Celebration, in collaboration with La Casita Cultural Center.

Admission to the exhibition, reception and special programs is free. Registration and a fee is required to participate in the Sugar Skull and Piñata workshops. For more information about the exhibition and events, and to register, please call Community Folk Art Center at 442-2230 or send an e-mail to cfac@syr.edu. Community Folk Art Center is a unit of the Department of African American Studies in the College of Arts and Sciences at Syracuse University.

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