

Artist Vallejo honored

Long Beach artist Linda Vallejo was one of five honorees to receive recognition to the Mexican community. Awards were given during the 4th Annual Mexican Arts Festival held at West Los Angeles's Civic Center mall in celebration of "la independencia de Mexico."

The honors were presented during an all-day festival that included marimba and mariachi concerts, ballet folklórico, art demonstrations and cultural films. Recipients include Evan Braude, Councilman, 11th District; Minerva Perez, KTLA Channel 5 newscaster; Rosanna de Soto, actress, "Stand and

Deliver" and "La Bamba"; Linda Vallejo, artist; Antonio Vazquez, educator; and Norma Gonzales, community leader.

A long-time Long Beach resident, Vallejo is not only well known as a Chicana artist and sculptor, she is also a Long Beach Civic Light Opera grants writer and board member of the PCA (Public Corporation for the Arts). Her work can currently be seen at the William Grant Still Arts Center in Los Angeles, where an exhibit called "The Power of the Image: Three Hispanic Women" features Vallejo along with Margaret Garcia and Gloria Longval through Oct. 29.