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**LINDA VALLEJO
American LatinX**

The Karl and Helen Burger Gallery at Kean University

1000 Morris Ave., Union, NJ 07083
Mon – Fri 10:00am – 4:00pm; Sat Oct 13, 10:00am – 4:30pm

September 5 – December 14, 2018

Opening Reception October 11, 2018, 3:40 – 4:30pm

Artist Walk-Through October 11, 2018, 5:00 – 7:00p



Union, NJ: The Karl and Helen Burger Gallery at Kean University will host an exhibition of the works of California-based artist Linda Vallejo, opening September 5. Drawn primarily from two of her most recent series of work, “Make ‘Em All Mexican” and “The Brown Dot Project,” American LatinX investigates contemporary cultural, spiritual and political issues through the lens of Chicano culture. Vallejo has described the evolution of her art from “detailed, complex, gaudy, and over-the-top” to a cleaner simpler image. Her more recent works being abstract images comprised of thousands of brown dots reflecting statistics of contemporary Latino life. In these statistics Vallejo found emergent patterns that evolve further into pure abstraction. An elegant solution to a series of complex questions about actual facts, these works are evocative and mesmerizing, evoking presence and cultural coherence.

Vallejo has exhibited at museums and galleries nationwide, including the Museum of Latin American Art, Long Beach, CA; Museum of Art & History, Lancaster, CA; and The Craft and Folk Art Museum, Los Angeles, CA; Clemente Velez Soto Cultural Center, NY, NY; Robert and Frances Fullerton Art Museum, San Bernardino, CA; Museum of the Southwest, Midland, TX; and International Museum of Art & Science, San Luis Obispo, CA. “The Brown Dot Project” has been reviewed by Peter Frank in Los Angeles; she has also been reviewed by Héctor Tobar, the *New York Times* and Christopher Knight, the *LA Times*. She has won numerous regional and national art awards. Her works are in permanent museum and archive collections throughout the country. A California based artist, Vallejo studied at Whittier College, as well as in Madrid and London. She received her MFA from CSU Long Beach.

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