

Neighborhood CUUPS presents

**Multicultural Perspectives on Paganism**, a series for Sunday Focus

featuring visual artist

# Linda Vallejo

Sunday, May 6, 10:30 a.m.  
in the Chapel

Linda Vallejo is a professional artist creating images which describe the world from her indigenous training and understanding. She received an M.F.A. from Cal State University, Long Beach, in 1978. In the late 1970s and early 1980s she studied Maya and Azteca dance with the Flores de Aztlan Troupe. Over the past twenty years, she has participated in and supported traditional ceremony in South Dakota, California and Arizona.



Vallejo's "Los Cielos" series (1996-2000) seeks to integrate the artist's understanding and experience of ceremony, personal love of nature, and healing through nature. "Los Cielos" depict celestial figures floating in surrealistic skiescapes. To date, the artist has completed over fifty "Los Cielos" paintings in acrylic and oil on canvas and masonite. Each painting contains a minimum of 100 layers of paint, taking over one year to complete.



Images:

left, *Celestial Mother*  
middle, *Reflecting Pool*  
right,  
*MotherEarthFatherSky*



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The series continues May 20 with a Santerian priest. Here's how he describes himself...

*I was born in Puerto Rico where my mother and father were priests of Santeria. Studied at the University of Puerto Rico where I obtained my B.A. in Spanish Studies and later obtained my M.A. in Curriculum and Teaching. Became a priest and later moved to the U.S. to work for the U.S. Health Dept. After establishing my practice as a priest in Los Angeles went to UCLA to do my M.A. and Ph. D. in Folklore and Mythology. Currently I am teaching at Otis College of Art and Design and at UCLA. I keep my duties as a high priest presiding over ceremonies and consecrations, as well as individual spiritual counseling. I am married to a wonderful woman, Dorothy, also a priestess and healer in her own right. We have a son Ariel Augusto, also initiated in the priesthood. Religiously I am an Oba Oriate and also Olu Osain.*

-Ysamur (Sammy) Flores