



CARNEGIE ART MUSEUM

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A PRAYER FOR THE EARTH

painting and installation

by LINDA VALLEJO

ARTIST TALK, SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 7, 2 PM

Exhibition Dates, September 11 - November 21

FULL COLOR BROCHURE AND/OR JPEGS AVAILABLE ON REQUEST

Over the past two decades, Linda Vallejo has created portfolios entitled "Los Cielos" and "Nature and Spirit," with images that seek to define humanity's fundamental relationship to the natural world. In opposing portfolios such as "The Death of Urban Humanity," the work moved from the beauty of nature, to the devastation of nature, and the barren complexity of the urban world.

A Prayer for the Earth combines these two irreconcilable visions to create a political, ecological, and spiritual image to unite the beauty and tranquility of nature with the violence and carnage of its destruction.

Vallejo states, "The destructive legacy of pollution has proven an inevitable aspect of humanity's presence and heritage. Each day, the beauty of nature and our relationship to it is lost, as industry and sprawling cities obscure and destroy clean water sources, precious mountain ranges, and tender trees and flora. How can we live a life of peace and beauty in the midst of this loss? This offering is a reminder of this question and includes paintings and sculptures inspired by the living California landscape, and finally at its core, symbols of a *prayer for the earth*."

Vallejo's Selected Exhibitions: Frazier Museum, Kentucky; Patricia Correia Gallery, Los Angeles; University of Judaism, Marjorie and Herman Platt Gallery, Los Angeles; Social and Public Art Resource Center, Los Angeles; Armand Hammer Museum, Los Angeles; Art Museum of South Texas, Anchorage Museum, The Bronx Museum, Museum of Modern Art New York, San Antonio Museum, Mexico City Modern Art Museum, Galeria Las Americas, The Women's Building, Self Help Graphics and Art, Inc.; The Santa Monica Museum and The Carnegie Museum, California. Selected Publications and Media: Art Business News, ArtNews, Southwest Art, Saludos Hispanos, Nuestra Gente National Magazine, Hispanic Business Magazine, Latin Style Magazine, The Los Angeles Times, Contemporary Chicana and Chicano Art 2002, Arizona State University.

ADDITIONAL NEW FALL EXHIBITIONS: Spatial Beauty: selections from the Permanent Collection; Ten Views of the Moon, a portfolio by Joseph Mugnaini in collaboration with Ray Bradbury; and Impressions in Black & White, selected works by Artemio Rodríguez

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