

*Celebrating Six Years Representing Contemporary Chicano and Latino Americano Fine Art*

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**GALERIA LAS AMERICAS' GRAND INAUGURAL EXHIBITION AND PUBLICATION EVENT**  
**"ARTE DE LAS AMERICAS 1996" FEATURING**

**East Los Streetscapers, Nik Fernandez, Mario G. Lopez, Isabel Martinez, Tony Ortega,  
Rodrigo Palacios, Sara Palacios, Danny Salazar, Teddy Sandoval,  
Rudy Torres, Linda Vallejo, and Rene Vasquez**

**EXHIBITION DATES SEPTEMBER 19 THROUGH NOVEMBER 21, 1996**

**OPENING RECEPTION FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 20, 7:00 - 11:00 PM**

**MEET THE ARTIST PANEL SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 21, 2-4 PM**

**GALLERY HOURS: WED & THURS 2-6 PM, FRI & SAT 10-6 PM**

On Friday, September 20, 1996, from 7 - 11 PM, GALERIA LAS AMERICAS will offer A Grand Inaugural Opening Reception and Publication Event featuring major works by 13 Chicano and Latino American artists in ARTE DE LAS AMERICAS 1996." On Saturday, September 21, the gallery will host a MEET THE ARTIST PANEL DISCUSSION from 2-4pm. The public is welcome to attend.

GALERIA LAS AMERICAS represents artists from South America, Central America, Mexico, Cuba, Spain, Puerto Rico and the United States, and will celebrate **SEVEN YEARS IN BUSINESS** in November 1996. The mission of Galeria Las Americas is to present a "Full Spectrum" of art and artists, a reservoir of sophisticated and mature artists, views and visions of the Latino Americano and Chicano arts community. ARTE DE LAS AMERICAS will bring to light a multitude of dynamic and diverse voices as well as establish the collectors and supporters of this movement for future generations.

As a major step in our efforts towards the advancement of Chicano and Latino Americano artists and art, we are pleased to announce the publication of ARTE DE LAS AMERICAS 1996, a high quality full color 32 page fine arts catalog featuring thirteen artists from the roster of Galeria Las Americas. This exquisite 32 page fine art catalog will contain 35 full-color images, a gallery introduction essay, a special VIP and Collector thank you page, artists photos and brief biographies.

We believe that the contribution of our artists to national and international culture has suffered over the past three decades due to a lack of permanent documentation. Very few fine arts catalogs or significant brochures have been published to establish and legitimize the continuing contribution of countless renowned and emerging artistic voices. Publishing is essential to the establishment of Chicano and Latino American contemporary arts as a vital aspect of American culture. The gallery is one of very few nationwide that has dedicated itself to the voice and vision of contemporary living artists. As we enter into the turn of the century it is vital that we stop to reflect on the work produced by the artists of our time.