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Galeria Las Americas has opened "Los Vencedores—The Victorious," an exhibition of four noted Chicano and Latin American artists.

The artists are Nik Fernandez of Venezuela, Mario G. Lopez of Honduras, Denver's Tony Ortega and Sandra Ramirez from the Los Angeles area. Their works will be displayed through May 6 at the gallery, which recently celebrated its fifth anniversary.

Fernandez's work commemorates the indigenous people of North and South America.

Lopez produces sophisticated paintings of female nudes reminiscent of German Expressionism.

A well-known Chicano artist, Ortega creates bright, intriguing street scenes reflecting the daily life of Mexicans and Chicanos.

Ramirez, who received her master of fine arts degree from Cal State Long Beach, is an abstract painter who derives her symbolism and imagery from memories of her youth.

Galeria Las Americas represents more than 30 artists from Central and South America, Mexico, Cuba, Spain, Puerto Rico and the United States. It is at 912 East 3rd St., Suite 402, Los Angeles. Hours are Thursdays and Fridays from 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. and Saturdays from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Information: (213) 613-1347.