



**'Mujer Volcana'**

The work of art captured in photo was created by Eastside artist Linda Vallejo who is one of three artists that will be featured in an exhibition marking the Grand Opening of Galeria Nueva, a new art gallery. The gallery will officially be launched this Saturday with a special reception to which the community is invited.

(Photo by Greg Rodriguez)

## Galeria Nueva to host grand opening exhibit

An exhibit of contemporary artworks featuring two Chicano/Latino masters and a promising new Chicano artists will help launch the Grand Opening of Galeria Nueva, a new art gallery, 312 E. Third St., in the Eastside.

"Galeria Nueva is a gallery dedicated to the artistic vision of the Chicano/Latino and its significant contribution to international art," stated Consuelo F. Norte, gallery administrator.

The exhibit will showcase major paintings, sculptures, prints and drawings by artists Ramses Noriega, Linda Vallejo and Daniel B. Salazar beginning with a Grand Opening celebration on Saturday, Feb. 10 and continuing until April 7.

Noriega hails from Sonora, Mexico, having received a B.A. and M.A. in Fine Arts from Cal State University at Los Angeles. Over the past 10 years, he has participated in more than 15 major exhibitions throughout the United States, Mexico and Germany. He is currently presented by the Pride Gallery in London, England.

"Noriega has taught in a number of leading educational institutions throughout California and is considered one of the most important Chicano art masters of our time," according to Norte.

Vallejo, originally from the Eastside, received an MFA in Printmaking from Cal State University at Long Beach and completed graduate studies in lithography at the University of Madrid, "giving her a rich cultural diversity," said Norte.

The artist has received several awards for her artistic contributions and has recently been included in the national publication, *Exposures, Women and Their Art*. Vallejo has traveled and studied extensively throughout Europe and the U.S. and has dedicated her last 15 years to the development of her relationship with the Southwest.

According to Norte, Vallejo is a regionally established artist and has a strong profile in the Los Angeles artistic community.

"A Los Angeles native, Salazar is a young Chicano artist with great potential," said Norte. "A self taught artist, Salazar incorporates his profound life experiences to promote communication through his color rich works. He has exhibited in various Los Angeles galleries, recently having completed a series of linoleum and serigraph prints."

"The artists participating incorporate their personal experiences and their spiritual visions in a universal interpretation," expressed Norte. "These three important artistic contributions transcend boundaries by exploring themes that form a common denomination for all people."