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Go Metro to Free Exhibition of Chicano Fine Art at Plaza de la Raza Cultural Center

Go Metro to see the free exhibition *The Chicano Collection / La Colección Chicana: Fine Art Prints by Modern Multiples* at Plaza de la Raza Cultural Center in Lincoln Heights near downtown Los Angeles beginning June 25 through August 20, 2005.

Digital reproductions of paintings by 26 prominent Chicano artists depicting urban life and the Chicano experience between 1969 and 2001 will be exhibited. These paintings are primarily from actor and art collector Cheech Marin's collection and include works by Carlos Almaraz, Frank Romero, Patssi Valdez, George Yepes, Rupert García, Leo Limón, Margaret García and Eloy Torrez. Most of the artists are from Los Angeles.

The exhibition also includes original linocut-print portraits by Artemio Rodriguez. It is part of the project spearheaded by Marin that creates limited-edition portfolios of the prints with plans to donate them to 50 major art museums and universities in the United States.

The exhibition will be for public view at Plaza de la Raza's Boathouse Gallery from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday and 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Saturdays. Admission is free (donations of \$3 per adult and \$1 per child are suggested).

Take Metro Bus Lines 78, 79 and 378 to Plaza de la Raza Cultural Center, 3540 North Mission Road, in Lincoln Heights.

Metro customers who want to visit the free exhibition can go to Metro.net and plan their art trip in advance or call 1 (800) COMMUTE to get Metro Bus schedules and routes. For more information about the exhibit call (323) 223-2475 or visit www.plazadelaraza.org

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