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Celebrating Hispanic Artists Art Show

KISSIMMEE, FL – The Osceola Center for the Arts hosted an art reception and awards ceremony for its September exhibition, Celebrating Hispanic Artists, on Tuesday, September 1, 2009. The Exhibition will run through September 30, 2009 and showcases the work of 22 local and national Hispanic artists with 55 works including painting, sculpture, photography, drawing and mixed media. “Artists submitted work from as far as Nevada and North Florida, and the range of Latino back rounds included, Peru, Argentina, Columbia, Puerto Rico and Cuba,” says Director of Visual Arts, Jules Davidson, adding that, “This was a wonderful opportunity to bring more artists to the Center to see what we have to offer, and to open our doors a little wider to our surrounding community. Of the 22 participating artists 16 had never shown their work in our gallery before.”

Awards were handed out with the help of Chairman, Commissioner, John “Q” Quiñones and Bill Hansen of the Hispanic Business Council to the following winners:

First Place, \$75 - Julio Cesar Rodriguez, “*The Message of the Seed*”, Oil Painting

Second Place, \$50 – Felipe J. Ponzoa, “*Mustangs*”, Color Pencil

Third Place, \$25 – Michael A. Pino, “*Crafting Heritage*”, Photography

Honorable Mentions went to Maria Arenas, "*Ritmo Nativo*", Sculpture; Elba Dominguez, "*The Chandelier*", Mixed Media; and E. J. Nieves, "*Three*", Mixed Media.

The Center is located just east of the Florida Turnpike exit 244 on Hwy 192 between Kissimmee and St. Cloud. Call 407-846-6257 or visit www.ocfta.com for more information.

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