



MI SUR / MY SOUTH

A SURVEY OF LATINA/O ARTISTS WORKING IN MEMPHIS

Crosstown Arts Gallery - 422 N. Cleveland, Memphis, TN

November 6 - December 5

Opening Reception: Friday, November 6 from 5 - 8 PM

Gallery Hours: Tuesday-Saturday, 10 AM - 6 PM

Mi Sur attempts to show a cross section of contemporary Latina/o artist creating artwork in the Memphis area. The show is concerned with amplifying the artistic voices that have largely been ignored but are in fact contributing to the changing demographics and cultural dynamic, disrupting the once binary racial understanding of the South. This exhibition is created by the Centro Cultural, a Latino cultural center based at Caritas Village Community Center, and illustrates the efforts in surveying and documenting the artistic life and production of Latinos(as) in Shelby County. To this end, the Centro is working on an Artist Registry that will include artists from all the creative disciplines. According to a 2012 paper titled, "A PROFILE OF HISPANIC POPULATION IN THE STATE OF TENNESSEE," researched and compiled by the Center for Business and Economic Research at the University of Tennessee: "Latinos were the fastest growing racial or ethnic group in Tennessee during the last ten years. In fact, the growth rate of the Hispanic population in Tennessee was the third-fastest in the nation. According to the 2010 Census, there were 290,059 Hispanic persons in Tennessee, representing 4.6 percent of the population. With Shelby County being home to a significant share of Tennessee's Latina/o population it would be safe to assume that not only have Latinos(as) contributed to the economic growth of Memphis but to its cultural vitality as well. Since the inception of the Centro in 2012, there have been annual exhibitions of Latina/o art in the Hope Gallery at Caritas Village. There was also a very fruitful collaboration with the Dixon Gallery and Gardens in producing the highly attended exhibition of Latina/o artists titled, *Memphis Vive*. The Centro is proud to partner with Crosstown Arts and Caritas Village, the Centro's home base, in organizing this exhibition.

Submission of Work

Visual Artists:

1. To be considered please contact us through our Facebook page, send us a message with your name, email, phone number, media, and submit a photo of your artwork and the dimensions of the artwork by Monday October 26, 2015.
2. The exhibition will be held at Crosstown Arts with the Opening night reception to be on Friday, November 6 from 5-8 PM and the exhibition will run from November 6-December 5, 2015.
3. Once all submitted artwork has been reviewed we will contact those artists that have been selected for the exhibition and we will give them instructions on where and when to deliver their work for installation. **All artwork needs to be ready to hang!**
4. We will be having a meeting/workshop on how to put together a proposal, resume, presentation of your work on Monday October 19th from 6-8 PM at the University of Memphis, Department of Art, ACB 200 – located directly in front of the Holiday Inn on Central Avenue. You may park in the parking garage on Innovation Drive directly behind the AC Building. We will provide parking passes so please RSVP.
5. We are also interested in all artists/artisans for other events: musicians, writers, actors, dancers, filmmakers, artisans of all types, please contact us through our Facebook page, send us a message with your name, email, phone number, and submit a photo of your art work or description.

Important Dates & Info:

- Submit examples of artwork, dimensions, medium, your name, phone number, and email by messaging us through our Facebook page by Monday October 26, 2015.
- Workshop on how to put together a proposal, resume, presentation of your work on Monday October 19th from 6 - 8 PM at the University of Memphis, Department of Art, ACB 200
- Selected Artwork drop off & Installation period: Tuesday-Thursday, November 3-5. **All artwork needs to be ready to hang!**
- Opening night: Friday, November 6 from 5 to 8 PM
- Exhibition dates: November 6 - December 5
- Artwork pickup: Sunday, December 6 from 2 to 6 PM
- Gallery Hours: Tuesday-Saturday, 10am-6 PM, 422 N. Cleveland