

Frésquez and Zamora work as an artistic team. Exchanging works in progress and altering, even defacing, each other's paintings to create the final composition. Together, they redefine Chicano cultural icons with a variety of images from contemporary and modern urban life. As we approach the new Millennium, Carlos Frésquez and Francisco Zamora anticipate the future, reevaluating their past creations, along with their cultural and artistic heritage, and the modern world in which we live. They come from an artistic tradition where Chicano art, especially the work produced in the late 1960s and early 1970s was charged with political and social messages dealing with the struggle of the farm workers, the

ations, their cultural heritage, and the modern world

immigration problem, an unresponsive educational system, and more. As important as those issues are to their own cultural identity, as artists the reality of a new Millennium has spurred them into looking beyond those cultural frontiers. In their works, they mix popular images such as a happy face or Mickey Mouse with cultural icons like the Aztec calendar or César Chavez. From European art to American pop art to the age of computerized images, these two artists are redefining what their art is about. Through the superimposing of imagery they rewrite their own history and zoom towards

the future. The art of Carlos Frésquez and Francisco Zamora is about provoking thought and asking questions, about searching for inspiration and artistic models across the ocean, and about creating an international form of expression without forgetting from where they come.

Carlos Frésquez received a Bachelor of Arts from Metropolitan State College of Denver in 1980 and a Master of Fine Art from the University of Colorado in Boulder in 1995. He has exhibited extensively in Colorado, Arizona, New Mexico, New York, California, Chile and the Czech Republic. He has been the recipient of numerous awards including the Annual MARS

## ws live in, the new millennium has spurred Frésquez

Invitational Print Series and the AFKEY Award for Excellence in the Arts. His work is in collections such as the Albuquerque Museum, the Museo de las Américas, California State University, Mutual of New York, and the collection of writer Carlos Fuentes. Francisco Zamora attended the renowned Escuela Nacional de Pintura y Grabado "La Esmeralda" of the National School of Fine Arts in Mexico City from 1988 to 1993. He is regarded as one of the most promising of the younger generation of Chicano artists today.

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# carlos frésquez

### Selected Exhibitions

Smile, Smile, Smile, The Riverside Art Center, Bechyne, Czech Republic

Lagrima/Teardrop, MARS Artspace Gallery, Phoenix, AZ

The Madonna: Four Centuries of Divine Imagery, William King Arts Center, Abingdon, VA

Global Art for Earth Day, Southeastern Community College, Whiteville, NC

The Art We Love To Hate, Zollar Gallery, Pennsylvania State University, University, Park, PA

Noche de Muertos, Academia San Carlos, Mexico, D.F.

Chicano Art: Resistance and Affirmation (CARA), traveled extensively throughout U.S.

The Chicano Codices, Encountering Art of the Americas, The Mexican Museum, San Francisco,

CA 1492-1992, The Stables Art Center, Taos, NM

El Corazon de mi Raza, The Norfolk Arts Center (two person), Norfolk, NE

Rasquachismo: Chicano Aesthetics, MARS/Phoenix Art Museum, Albequerque, NM

Teatro de mi Corazon, Alpha Gallery (one person), Denver, CO

Imagenes: A Survey of Contemporary Chicano Art, Arvada Center for the Arts and Humanities, Arvada, CO

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### Selected Collections

Albuquerque Museum of Art, NM

Colorado Springs Fine Arts Center, CO

El Museo del Barrio, NY

Folk Masters, Washington DC

Millicent Rodgers Museum, Taos, NM

Museo de las Americas, Denver, CO

Museum of Fine Arts, Sioux City, IA

Apple Computer, Inc.

City of Aurora, CO

City of Greenwood Village, CO

The Concord Club, San Antonio, TX

Kaiser Permanente

Mutual of New York

Perez and Associates

Owest Communications

University of Colorado

University of Minnesota

University of South Dakota

University of Southern Colorado



### **Francisco** zamora



#### One Person Exhibitions

Pambazos Crudos. La Panaderia, México, D.F.
Dead End. Casa de la Primera, Mexico, D.F.
Panchito's Sexy Mundo, The Art Department Gallery, Denver, CO
¡Pucheritos de Amor!. Tianguis Cultural del Chopo, Mexico, D.F.

#### Selected Exhibitions

ILK at ARC, ARC Gallery, Albuquerque, NM

Los Supersonicos. Museo de las Americas. Denver, CO

1st Annual International Chicano Art Exhibition, Port of San Diego, CA

Bienal Guadalupana 1999, Museo de El Carmen, Mexico, D.F.

La Mano Peluda, CHAC Gallery, Denver, CO

Il Salon de Artes Visuales, Secion Bidimensional. Centro de las Artes. Mexico, D.F.

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Museo Universitario del Chopo, Mexico, D.F.

Artist of Colorado. Colorado History Museum, Denver, CO

Ojo. Mural Efimero. Plaza Juarez, Cd. Juarez, Chihuahua

Southwest '96 Museum of Fine Art/Museum of Fine Art, Santa Fe, NM
COVisions 1995. Premio de Artes Visuales otorgado por el Consejo de Artes

del Estado de Colorado,

Borders, Artes del Pueblo, Denver, CO

Arte-Nativo. Alternativo. Poliforum Cultural

Siqueiros, Mexico, D.F.

The Art We Love To Hate "Black Velvet"

Exposition intinerante.

Libro de Jennifer Heath.

Hijos de Raza Cosmica. Il Mes del Performance.

X'Teresa Centro de Arte Alternativo, Mexico, D.F.

