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Cabrillo College Gallery Announces Opening of *Aqui Estamos/We Are Here: California Chican@ Art* Exhibition

*Exhibit Runs Through February 27, with Reception on February 7 at 5:30 p.m. and Artist's Lecture/Film Screening on February 11 at 7:00 p.m.*

APTOS, CA – Cabrillo College announces its newest group art exhibition, *Aqui Estamos/We Are Here: California Chican@ Art*, which will run from January 26th to February 7th at the Cabrillo Gallery, located in the Cabrillo College Library building, room #1002 on the Aptos campus (6500 Soquel Drive). An artists’ reception will be held on Saturday, February 7 from 5:30-7:00 p.m. An artist’s lecture and film screening of the film *A Life of Engagement* will be held on Wednesday, February 11 at 7:00 p.m.

The exhibition features work by 13 artists with a shared Mexican American experience. The show includes a range of styles and media, ranging from realistic imagery to abstract work confronting issues like racism, immigration, and socioeconomics. The show continues through February 7 and is open and free to the public Monday through Friday, 9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. and Monday and Tuesday evenings 7:00-9:00 p.m.

*Aqui Estamos* includes work from the following artists: Abel Alejandre, Linda Arreola, Eduardo Carrillo, Enrique Chagoya, Juan Fuentes, Lorraine García-Nakata, Amanda Lopez, Jose Lozano, Viviana Paredes, Shizu Saldamando, Leigh Salgado, Manuel Santana, and Linda Vallejo.

On Wednesday, February 11 at 7:00 p.m., there will be an artists’ lecture and a screening of the film *A Life of Engagement*, which is the story of Eduardo Carillo, an American artist who lived, taught and worked in Santa Cruz. The film takes the viewer through his experience of discovering his Mexican cultural heritage. This film expresses the challenges that first generation Americans face everywhere and communicates a positive message about becoming a successful American while preserving one’s roots.

Images are available by request.

**WHAT:** *Aqui Estamos/We Are Here: California Chican@ Art*

**WHEN:** January 26-February 27, 2015 (closed February 13 & 16)

**LOCATION:** Cabrillo College Gallery, 6500 Soquel Drive, Room 1002, Aptos, CA 95003

**HOURS:** Monday – Friday, 9-4 p.m., Mon/Tue, 7-9 p.m., Closed Weekends

**RECEPTION:** *Saturday, February 7 from 5:30-7:00 p.m.*

**LECTURE and FILM SCREENING:** *Wednesday, February 11, 7:00 p.m. in Room 1001 (on lower campus)*

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