



City of San Antonio

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Agenda Date: February 13, 2024

In Control: San Antonio Arts Commission

DEPARTMENT: Department of Arts and Culture

DEPARTMENT HEAD: Krystal Jones

COUNCIL DISTRICTS IMPACTED: Citywide

SUBJECT:

Centro de Artes Committee: Millennial Lotería: The LatinXperience & Permanencia Voluntaria Exhibit (Briefing)

SUMMARY:

The Department of Arts and Culture hosted an opening reception for 2 new exhibitions at Centro de Artes, Millennial Lotería: The LatinXperience & Permanencia Voluntaria, on Thursday, February 8, 2024 from 6pm – 9pm. The first floor features California artists Michael Alfaro and Gerardo Guillén’s Millennial Lotería: The LatinXperience and over 270 reimagined Loteria cards will be on display. This show aims to provide a snapshot of modern Latinx life, while also exploring and breaking stereotypes from Hispanic-American history, like colorism, classism, and homophobia. The second floor showcases over 40 paintings, prints, and site specific digital collage installations by artist Efedefroy (Froy Padilla Aragón) from Oaxaca, Mexico. His work combines pop culture icons of the eighties with figures from the Golden Age of Mexican Cinema, creating postmodernist pop art in urban spaces.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION:

Centro de Artes is an institution dedicated to telling the story of the Latino experience in the U.S. with a focus on South Texas through local, regional, national and international art, history and culture, and dedicated to sharing the transnational experience of Latinos in the U.S. The Department of Arts & Culture began management of exhibits and programming at the Centro de Artes Gallery in September 2016. In February 2017, the San Antonio Arts Commission (SAAC) adopted the Centro de Artes Strategic Plan, developed after a series of community visioning sessions. The Centro de Artes Committee was established as an Ad Hoc Committee of the San Antonio Arts Commission in 2017 with a mission to advocate for excellent, accessible, and engaging Latino arts and cultural opportunities in the Centro de Artes Building and implement the Centro de Artes Strategic Plan. The Centro de Artes Gallery, located in Historic Market Square is free and open to the public Wed-Fri from 10:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. and Sat-Sun from noon to 5:00 p.m.

ISSUE:

This is a briefing item only.

FISCAL IMPACT:

The Centro de Artes Gallery annual budget allocation is \$250,000.00 which supports exhibits and programs in the gallery.

ALTERNATIVES:

None, this is a briefing item only.

RECOMMENDATION:

There are no recommendations, as this is a briefing item only.