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Exhibition celebrates Spanish and Latin American culture

Artist combines her experiences with iconic images in acrylic paintings

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WATERLOO – The Robert Langen Art Gallery will feature the works of artist Lupe Rodriguez in an exhibition entitled *Ritmos Latino*. The exhibit, which runs from November 15 to December 9, 2006, showcases the artist’s enduring fascination with Spanish and Latin American culture.

“My recent travels to Cuba, Mexico, Spain and Spanish Morocco have provided me with a rich source of images and experiences which manifest themselves in a diverse body of work,” explained Rodriguez. “I take the viewer on a journey which may be geographical, cultural or personal.”

Rodriguez lives and works in Toronto. She is a lecturer at the University of Toronto, and hosts the CBC radio show, *Here and Now*. Rodriguez studied at L’Ecole des Beaux Arts in Paris, France and completed her bachelor of fine arts degree at York University. Her paintings can be found in the collections of University of Toronto, The Royal Bank, Nortel, Noranda Mines, The Toronto Sun, Dupont of Canada, Olympia and York, the Robert McLaughlin Gallery and the Gallery in Stratford.

As Wilfrid Laurier University’s visual arts centre since 1989, the Robert Langen Art Gallery provides knowledge, stewardship, appreciation and enjoyment of Canadian art and culture to the local community. The gallery is located in the John Aird Centre and is open noon to 5 p.m. from Wednesdays to Saturdays. Admission is free.