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Artist fuses pop culture with colour influenced by Mayan heritage

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WATERLOO — The Robert Langen Art Gallery at Wilfrid Laurier University will feature the work of Toronto-based artist Raffael Iglesias in an exhibition that runs from October 15 to November 8 and is titled *Blitzkrieg Bop*.

The paintings in this exhibition will feature vibrant “cultural landscapes” inspired by Iglesias’s cultural heritage, socio-political issues and urban graffiti art.

“My work is the product of an inevitable amalgamation and fusion of my internal dialogue and the external relationships with others in an urban environment,” says Iglesias, who was born in El Salvador. “I borrow, or in Hip Hop terms, I’m sampling a library of images for reconstruction, bringing together a diverse library of images, from graffiti, cartoons, posters, advertising to computer graphics and a colour palette rooted in my Maya heritage.”

Iglesias has exhibited at Peak Gallery, Toronto; Grunt Gallery, Vancouver; Museum of Contemporary Canadian Art, Toronto and the International Art Fair, Madrid. He is currently a Master of Fine Arts candidate at York University.

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.