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Artist César Martínez to present show at Palo Alto College

Palo Alto College's Fine Arts Department welcomes artist César Martínez to *Gallery*100 as he presents his latest works, titled *Tlacuilo.* The exhibition runs Feb. 13 to March 8 in *Gallery*100 in Concho Hall. The gallery is free and open to the public Monday through Thursday, from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Martínez, known for his series of portraits of batos and pachucos, continues his exploration of his native culture with *Tlacuilo* using a variety of materials.

"There is a gamut of themes I deal with, and all are done in different modes of expression, formats, if you will, that best present those varying subjects and ideas," Martínez said. "These different modes of expression are rarely seen in one show."

Martínez is a full-time artist living and working in San Antonio. He was born in Laredo, Texas, to immigrant parents from northern Mexico. His work deals with the concerns and issues of contemporary Chicano culture and has been exhibited widely in museums throughout the country and internationally, such as the Corcoran Gallery of Art in Washington D.C., The Brooklyn Museum in New York, The Los Angeles County Museum of Art, the Museum of Fine Art in Houston, and the Museo de Arte Moderno in Mexico City.

In 1997, Martínez was awarded a residency in the ArtPace International Artist-in-Residence Program and exhibited ArtPace's 97.3 exhibition. In 1999, he was the subject of a major retrospective at The McNay Art Museum in San Antonio. His work is in numerous public and private collections including The Houston Museum of Fine Art, San Antonio Museum of Art, Austin Museum of Art, and The McNay Art Museum.

Palo Alto College, one of the Alamo Colleges, is accredited by the Commission on Colleges of the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools to award associate degrees. With over 9,000 students, the College also offers short-term certificates and non-credit continuing education classes. The campus is located on the Southside of San Antonio at 1400 W. Villaret Blvd. at I-410 and Texas Hwy. 16 and online at alamo.edu/pac.

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