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**DEPARTMENT OF CULTURAL AFFAIRS PRESENTS  
*SPIRITS OF L.A.*  
AT MUNICIPAL ART GALLERY**

The City of Los Angeles Department of Cultural Affairs (DCA) is pleased to announce the exhibition *Spirits of L.A.* at the Los Angeles Municipal Art Gallery. The exhibition brings together artists whose work deals with spirits of the past, memories and ancestral history as well as present-day forces that play an important part in their creative process.

This exhibit will demonstrate some of the ethereal spirits, legends, and stories that either historically, culturally or metaphysically inhabit our Southern California area and that are eventually visualized by the minds of these Los Angeles artists. While the show is thematically and geographically focused, the concepts used are universal. As we live and exist and persist in an urban concentration, many of our recollections, dreams and thoughts, as well as nightmares, accompany us throughout our lives. In this show those manifestations are personified in paintings, installations, and sculptures.

The exhibition features artists from a broad range of ages - mature artists that have worked for years with similar themes as reflected in this show, and emerging artists who have newly discovered their fascination with these concepts. It will showcase the work of Armando Baeza, Raul Baltazar, Patricia Boyd, Roberto L. Delgado, Kathi Flood, John H. Jones, Leo Limon, Pola Lopez, Dorothy Magallon, Toti O'Brien, Paul Pitsker, Annie Sperling, Cindy Suriyani, and Linda Vallejo.

The exhibition, curated by Raoul De la Sota, will run from January 17 through April 20. The Opening Reception will be held Sunday, January 20, from 2:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. with music provided by Charangoa. The Reception is free and open to the public.

**Conversations with the Artists**, a supplement to the exhibition, will occur on Friday, February 1, 7:30 p.m. with guest curator, Raoul De la Sota and featured artists from his exhibition.

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**ABOUT LAMAG**

The Los Angeles Municipal Art Gallery is a facility of the City of Los Angeles Department of Cultural Affairs and is located at 4800 Hollywood Boulevard, Los Angeles, 90027. Admission is free. The Gallery is open Thursday through Sunday, 12 noon to 5 p.m. Hours are extended to 9 p.m. on First Fridays. For general information, the public may call 323.644.6269.

**ABOUT DCA**

The Department of Cultural Affairs (DCA) serves as a leader to generate and support high quality arts and cultural experiences for Los Angeles residents and visitors. DCA also advances the social and economic impact of the arts and assures access to arts and cultural experiences through grant making, marketing, public and community arts programming, arts education, and creating partnerships with artists and arts and cultural organizations in every community in the City of Los Angeles.

DCA grants \$3.4 million annually to over 300 artists and nonprofit arts organizations and awards the Artist-in-Residence (A.I.R.) and City of Los Angeles (C.O.L.A.) Individual Artist Fellowships. It provides arts and cultural programming in numerous Neighborhood Arts and Cultural Centers, theaters, and several arts and education programs for young people. The Department operates two historic monuments, directs public art projects, and manages the City's Arts Development Fee, Art Collection, and Murals Program. DCA markets the City's cultural events through development and collaboration with strategic partners, design and production of creative promotional materials, and management of the culturela.org website.

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