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HMH to Open Juried Exhibition Featuring Local Latinx Artists

-Exhibition highlights the intersections between art and social justice-

Houston (March 18, 2021) ... Holocaust Museum Houston (HMH) will open its first juried exhibition in its expanded building on April 30, 2021. Withstand: Latinx Art in Times of Conflict will explore themes of social justice and human rights through 100 artworks of Houston Latinx artists. The multi-media exhibition will be a platform that examines issues that impact the community, fosters dialogue on difficult questions, and ultimately empowers social change through art.

"When we put out the call to Latinx artists to join the conversation on art as a catalyst of change, we knew Houston's vibrant art community would show up in force," said HMH CEO Dr. Kelly J. Zúñiga. "We were overwhelmed with submissions and are delighted to feature the artwork of such talented artists."

The art featured in the exhibition includes several themes of focus including border relations, gender roles, domestic violence, the immigrant experience and social and political



La Cempacihuatl, Tina Hernandez, 2020 Click here for WITHSTAND images.

turmoil. *Withstand* is curated by Gabriela Magana and Rosa Ana Orlando. Born and raised in Mexico, Magana is an artist and curator based in Houston. She holds a BA in Painting from the University of St. Thomas Houston, and is currently working on a MA in Arts Leadership from the University of Houston. From Venezuela, Orlando is a museum specialist with extensive knowledge of art history. She has more than 15 years of experience in art collection management, as well as a strong background in exhibition planning and design.

Guest juror Susana Monteverde, a Houston transplant from Mexico City and art activator specializing in contemporary art, will choose the three pieces to win cash rewards. Third place will be presented with \$1,000, second place with \$1,500 and the grand prize artist will receive \$2,500.

Due to the 100-piece size of the multi-media exhibition, *Withstand: Latinx Art in Times of Conflict* will be on view from April 30 through October 17, 2021 in the Museum's Mincberg Gallery and Spira Central Gallery, with sculptures located in the adjacent Lester and Sue Smith Human Rights Gallery. For more information on the exhibition visit hmh.org/Withstand. Entrance

to this exhibition is included in general admission. Tickets must be purchased online at https://mww.ncg/tickets.

United Airlines, the official airline of Holocaust Museum Houston, is the partner sponsor of the exhibition. Lead sponsors include the Ronald Grabois Family Fund, B.J. Herz in memory of Clint Willour, The Lewis and Joan Lowenstein Foundation and the Sterling Family Foundation.

Face masks are required for all visitors ages 10 and over. Visitors in need of a face mask will be provided one. Upon request, HMH will provide a finger glove to patrons to ensure participation but no direct touch of interactive exhibit elements.

Holocaust Museum Houston, Lester and Sue Smith Campus, located at 5401 Caroline Street, is closed Mondays except Martin Luther King Jr. Day, Memorial Day and Labor Day from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.; open Tuesdays through Saturdays, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Sundays from noon to 5 p.m. The Museum's Legacy Café is open Fridays-Sundays only. Admission is \$19 for adults; \$15 for seniors (ages 65+), AARP members and active-duty military; always free for children and students through age 18; and free to all visitors on Thursdays from 2 p.m. to 5 p.m. Parking is available at the Museum's adjacent lot for \$8 for a four-hour period. Tickets are available exclusively online. The Museum is fully bilingual in English and Spanish. For more information, visit hmh.org/visit.

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