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***METRO ARTS OPENS, "NUEVA VIDA, NUEVO TRABAJO" GALLERY SHOW***

*Exhibit features 19 local Hispanic artists*

Nashville, TN -- Metro Nashville Arts Commission (Metro Arts) announces a partnership with the Nashville Area Hispanic Chamber of Commerce to promote and feature the work of local Hispanic visual artists.

"Nueva Vida, Nuevo Trabajo" (translated as new life, new work) highlights the work of professional and non-professional artists from Nashville's growing and diverse Hispanic population. Work will be featured by professional and emerging artists including, Orlando García Camacho, Antonieta Capdevila, Aida Costner, Yuri Cunza, Adolfo Dávila, Gladys Escobar, Gil Veda, Alba Gonzalez-Nylander, John D. Griffin, Megan Kelley, Zolita Mojica, Mario Moreno, Inés Negri, Jairo Prado, Mike Quiñones Gonzalez, Sandra Rivera, Kathryn García Smith, Liliana Vélez and Yenny Walker. The installation features abstract and figurative paintings, collage and temporary sculpture. "Nueva Vida, Nuevo Trabajo" will open with a public reception from 3:00-4:30 pm, Friday, August 19th at the Metro Arts Gallery, Metro Office Building, 800 2<sup>nd</sup> Ave. South, 4<sup>th</sup> Floor, 37219 (Fulton Complex).

The Metro Arts Gallery is free to the public and open daily from 8:30-4:00 pm, Monday through Friday. Artists featured in the show also display their work via the Nashville Artists' Registry at [www.artsnashville.org](http://www.artsnashville.org) "The growing Hispanic population brings new traditions of art and culture," said Jennifer Cole, executive director of the Metro Nashville Arts Commission. "Nashville's Latino artists are making great strides in visual art, film and literary arts, and Metro Arts hopes this show will help more Nashvillians understand and embrace new points of view from our community," continued Cole.

The partnership with the Nashville Area Hispanic Chamber of Commerce is part of a larger city wide celebration of Hispanic Heritage Month <http://hispanicheritagemonth.gov/index.html> and part of an emerging collaboration with the Hispanic Chamber and other Latino Cultural groups and Metro Arts aimed at exposing more Nashvillians to the art and cultural traditions of Latinos in our city. "We are very proud to be part of this inclusive and engaging project with the Metro Arts Commission and ultimately with the city of Nashville. Through fostering the appreciation of art we all grow as a community, uniting us at the root of our common human experience. Visual art created by local Hispanic artist is too a key component of our cultural vitality. It represents the true make up our emergent city and a great reason to celebrate our growing diversity," noted Yuri Cunza, President & CEO of the Nashville Area Hispanic Chamber of Commerce.

**About the Metropolitan Nashville Arts Commission**

The Metropolitan Nashville Arts Commission provides leadership that stimulates and advances art and culture to enrich the human experience for the community. More information about grants, teacher resources and programs can be found at [www.artsnashville.org](http://www.artsnashville.org)

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