

Three week exposition of Chicano art, poetry, film, drama and music will be presented

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A unique three-week exposition of Chicano art, poetry, film, drama and music, entitled "Arte Picante: Contemporary Chicano Art," will be presented at the University of California, San Diego beginning Sunday, January 11.

Sponsored by the Chicano Arts Festival Committee of the University of California, San Diego, the festival will focus on contemporary Chicano artistic expression reflecting the wide range of experiences of Chicanos in the barrios and rural areas of the United States. It is a celebration on the part of Chicanos at UC San Diego of the cultural expressions of the artist of Mexican descent in Southern California.

A main feature of the festival will be an art exhibition in the Mandeville Art Gallery bringing together for the first time in San Diego Chicano artists from many parts of Southern California. The works to be presented are both a powerful declaration of what the Chicano movement is today as well as a demonstration of the artistic talents of the Chicano community. The themes of the works are both traditional and revolutionary.

The opening celebration for the art show and the festival is set from noon to 5:00 p.m. Sunday, January 11 in the Mandeville Art Gallery. In addition to the art show, music by Rondalla, Latinos Unidos and several other groups will be performed. Three poets - Alurista, Jose Montoya and Tino Villanueva, proclaimed by critics as among the most important contributors to the new Chicano poetry - will read from their most recent works.

A poetry symposium, featuring Alurista, Montoya and Villanueva, will be held at 7:00 p.m. Monday, January 12, in the auditorium of the new Third College buildings (building CR, room 107). On Wednesday, January 14 there will be a series of readings by local poets with music by Chunkie at 4:00 p.m. in the East Room of the Mandeville Center.

Throughout the three week festival, the films of Jesus Trevino, Moctezuma Esparza, Richard Soto and Jose Luis Ruiz will be shown. At the conclusion of the festival, there will be a performance by Teatro Mestizo, one of California's finest Chicano theatrical groups, on February 5.

All events are free and open to the public. For more information call 452-2860.

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