



5 X 5

ACARIGUA - NEW YORK
Curated by Juana Valdes

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Clemente Soto Vélez Cultural Center
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You are cordially invited to the opening reception of 5X5 ACARIGUA – NEW YORK, on Tuesday, December 12th 2006 from 6:00-9:00 PM at the Clemente Soto Cultural Center, located on the Lower East Side of Manhattan.

Participating artists from Venezuela and USA: **Victor Asuaje, Benjamin Arenas, Tulio Diaz, Engelbert Peña, Gregson Zambrano, Anja Brogan, YaQin Betty Chou, Robert Gray, Jessica Hankey, Austin Shull**

The "5 x 5" exhibition brings together artists working in Acarigua-Araure, Venezuela, New York City, and Berlin. This group of artists are challenging ideas in contemporary art, exploring the boundaries of painting, and bringing together different cultures and aesthetics. This is the second part of a cultural exchange which began with a February of 2004 exhibition, opening at the Museo de Arte Acarigua Araure, in Acarigua-Araure, Venezuela. This exhibition is the product of the dialogue that developed between Ali Cordero Casal and the curator of the exhibition, Juana Valdes, on issues of class/labor, cultural production, and art' s potential to cross geographical borders. This discussion, while informed by contemporary technological developments that transform our relationship to communication and geography, has a lengthy history: artists have long used new means of communication and technology to share their work and exchange ideas. While we are still separated by borders, language, and ideology, the aspiration to somehow create and share by passing over (or traveling over) these elusive markers of place and difference persists. For most artists, the initial method of making art is a personal experience but the final objective is one of interaction with the public. The exhibition will feature works from the previous exhibition as well as new work that is being exhibited for the first time.

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