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UCLA Chicano Studies Research Center Event Announcement

Exhibition Reception and Artist's Talk *Make 'Em All Mexican: Works by Linda Vallejo*



Linda Vallejo, *Championes*, 2013

Wednesday, January 21, 2015

4:00 – 6:00 p.m.

**Speakers' presentation at 4:30 p.m.
CSRC Library - 144 Haines Hall**

Make 'Em All Mexican: Works by Linda Vallejo at the UCLA Chicano Studies Research Center features selections from the Los Angeles-based artist's acclaimed Make 'Em All Mexican series, plus excerpts from critical essays, publications that feature the series, and objects from a portfolio by Vallejo in the CSRC's special collections. For this series, the artist takes iconic images of national and world culture and "makes them Mexican" by using a variety of media to change the color of their skin. The result is a series that uses humor and irony to question whether race, color, and class define our status in the world. The artist states, "Make 'Em All Mexican carries a strong electric charge. To some viewers, the images are hyper-political; for others, they are emotional portals to a past remembered and sometimes forgotten; and for another group, they are just downright hilarious. I have re-created a familiar world to create a new unfamiliar image, one that is unfamiliar to everyone that's not brown." Charlene Villaseñor-Black, professor of art history and Chicana and Chicano studies, is the faculty curator of the reception event. The exhibition is on view to the public during regular library hours, Mon. – Fri., 10 a.m. - 5 p.m., through March 20, 2015.



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