

# ArtsEcho Galleria

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## **ART VIVO!**

### **A WEALTH OF NEW JERSEY ARTISTS**

**Brennan Gallery**  
**Theodore Conrad Rotunda**  
**The Justice William Brennan Court House**  
**583 Newark Avenue, Jersey City 07306**



**January 11 - 26, 2010**  
**“Meet the Artists” Reception, Monday, January 11, 6-8pm**

**Jersey City, NJ** —Featured in the upcoming exhibition at the Brennan Courthouse Rotunda Gallery in Jersey City is the work of several remarkable New Jersey artists from a wide range of backgrounds. The array of international artists includes paper sculptor Gerardo Latino, microphotographer Jan Hinsch, surrealist painter Amado Mora, impressionist painter Janet Diaz, panoramic photographer Dexter Lane, singer/artist Sergio Rivero, Hanga woodblock printer Michele Papavasiliou Pattwell, and watercolor portraitist Ben Roman.

The exhibition is presented by ArtsEcho Galleria, a new non-profit organization on Park Avenue in Union City that hosts all of the artists in its gallery space. Gerardo Latino, originally from Nicaragua and now living in Ft. Lee, creates three dimensional paper sculptures that incorporate innovative methods of bending paper as well as extreme cutting techniques. Jan Hinsch, originally from Hamburg, Germany, lives in Woodcliff Lakes. A world-renowned microscope scientist, Hinsch photographs objects magnified over 50 times with amazing artistic results. Ecuadorian artist Amado Mora, a resident of Union City for many years, creates intricate works in pen and ink that express the

subreal world. Janet Diaz, a native of Peru, is an extraordinary impressionistic colorist who currently lives in West New York. Sergio Rivero specializes in creating portraits of Rumba dancers and musicians. He was a famous singer in Cuba during the 1950s and was known throughout Latin America as “El Haitiano”. Photographer Dexter Lane has been taking panoramic photographs from Boulevard East in Weehawken for 12 years and is currently working on eco-panoramas for his “Nature Over New York” series in which the famous skyline serves merely as a frame of reference. Ben Roman specializes in articulate and expressive portraits in watercolor. He lives in Union City and is originally from Puerto Rico. Rounding out this interesting artistic roster is Michele Papavasiliou Pattwell from Teaneck who creates cerebral woodcuts in the ancient Japanese Hanga technique.

The curator of the exhibition is Sandra Bendor, Executive Director of ArtsEcho. Bendor founded ArtsEcho with her husband and artistic partner, Ben Bendor, in 1987. The two have created over 30 original plays and concerts for school and family audiences. For the past 14 years they have produced the show “Arithmetickles”, the most popular math assembly-show in the US. Ms. Bendor is an artist who has worked in several artistic fields. As an actor/singer she performed in 49 states for the National Endowment of the Humanities, and throughout India and the Pacific Rim countries for the US State Department, giving solo concerts of American music.

Last year, Sandra Bendor opened ArtsEcho Galleria in the heart of Union City’s upcoming “Watertower District” on Park Avenue. The venue not only serves as a showcase for visual artists and a cabaret-style performance space, but also as a boutique. Since ArtsEcho Galleria is a non-profit organization, it donates all proceeds from the unique items sold in the boutique, including many created by local artists, to fund its performances and exhibitions. Presented right in the Galleria are intimate concerts of Latin, jazz, folk, and classical music by the area’s finest musicians. ArtsEcho Galleria also hosts changing exhibits of fine crafts, photography, sculpture, paintings, and other cutting-edge works by regional visual artists.

The exhibition “Art Vivo! A Wealth of Northern New Jersey Artists” is hosted by Hudson County Executive Thomas A. DeGise, the Hudson County Board of Chosen Freeholders, and the Hudson County Office of Cultural and Heritage Affairs/Tourism Development. For more information about the exhibit, please contact Lil Rodriguez at 201-617-1110. Contact for the Gallery: email Eileen Gaughan [egaughan@hcnj.us](mailto:egaughan@hcnj.us) and Meredith Lippman [mlippman@hcnj.us](mailto:mlippman@hcnj.us)

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