

Exhibition's curators seek Latina artists

May 6 deadline for healing-themed show planned for next fall

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Nicaraguan-American watercolor artist Jessica Gutiérrez and Madison-based abstract painter



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Latina artists for "Las Curanderas: From Ashes, We Rise," a group exhibition featuring Latina artists as curanderas, or folk healers.

"This exhibition honors Latinas as curanderas — those who carry ancestral wisdom, resilience, and the power to transform pain into new beginnings," the curators said in a statement. "At a time when our communities are under attack, we gather through art to reclaim, heal, and celebrate our identities."

For centuries, Latin American curanderas have been sought for their prayer work and their herbal healing knowledge. Gutiérrez and Macias are looking for the healing of a collective fatigue and sense of grief.



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Madison-based abstract painter Issis Macias, pictured with one of her works, and Nicaraguan-American watercolor artist Jessica Gutiérrez are seeking submissions from Wisconsin's Latina artists for a fall exhibit.

The exhibition's name is derived from the lyrics of Natalia Lafourcade's "María la Curandera." "Que los queme el fuego y vengan nuevas flores" translates to "let the fire burn them and may new flowers emerge," according to the statement.

Gutiérrez and Macias are looking for paintings, drawings, mixed media, photography, printmaking, fiber, sculpture and installation pieces from Latina artists 18 and older. Submissions from all skill levels will be accepted until May 6, so long as they fit the theme and do not feature AI-generated imagery.

Artists can submit up to three high-resolution images of artworks no larger than

30-by-40-by-2. Artist should include a bio, statement, piece details and contact information. Applicants can go to <https://forms.gle/cDxN-53J6M62ZoNha8>. Questions may be directed to jessicamgutierrez111@gmail.com and issismac@gmail.com, with "las curanderas" in the subject line.

The exhibition will be at Madison College's Truax Gallery Sept. 15 through Oct. 15 in partnership with Latinos Organizing for Understanding and Development, a state-wide initiative supporting Latino artists and fostering cultural connection throughout Wisconsin, with the opening reception slated for Sept. 15 from 5 p.m. to 8 p.m.