



## **“en América” Art Exhibit at Fairleigh Dickinson University**

Teaneck, NJ (May 12, 2004) **Fairleigh Dickinson University** will host the art exhibit “**en América**” by Colombian artist **Raúl Manzano** at the Edward Williams Gallery, at 150 Kotte Place, Hackensack, New Jersey.

The opening reception will be held on Saturday, June 12, from 3:00-6:00 p.m. The exhibit, which is free and open to the public, will run through August 4. Gallery hours are Monday-Friday from 9 a.m. – 6 p.m. and Saturdays from 9 a.m. – 2:30 p.m.

“**En América**” is a ten-year survey of Manzano’s work focusing on his socio-political and cultural narratives of the Statue of Liberty and the American and Colombian flags. Manzano’s work plays an intrinsic role in the issue of identity, nostalgia, and awareness as experienced through his cross-cultural American and Colombian heritage and world events.

His unique imagery is a reflection of his views of a pluralistic society. This exhibition coincides with Mr. Manzano’s informal discussion about his immigrant experience to students of the Fairleigh Dickinson University program *Puerta al Futuro*. “We are pleased to have Raúl Manzano share his art and immigrant experience with us,” said Puerta al Futuro Director Deborah Gonzalez.

Raúl Manzano earned his Bachelor of Fine Arts at the School of Visual Arts (SVA) and is currently pursuing his Master of Arts in Liberal Studies at SUNY Empire State College (ESC) in New York City.

Raúl has been a guest curator for exhibits commemorating Hispanic Heritage Month, which were hosted by Manhattan Borough President C. Virginia Fields in 2000, 2001 and 2002. Since 2001, he is the In-Resident Director of SVA’s Summer Arts Abroad Program “Painting in Barcelona”, in Barcelona, Spain. He lives and works in New York City.

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