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Guadalupe Cultural Arts Center presents
The Other Side of the Alamo: Art Against the Myth
A group exhibition presenting a counter-narrative to the mythos that surrounds the Alamo
February 23-July 20, 2018
Opening Reception: February 23, 2018, 6:00-9:00pm
Galería Guadalupe, 723 S. Brazos Street, San Antonio, TX 78207

February 22, 2018 (San Antonio, TX) — The Guadalupe Cultural Arts Center presents *The Other Side of the Alamo: Art Against the Myth*, a group exhibition of more than 40 artworks by 26 select San Antonio-based artists who are tasked with countering the mainstream myths of the Alamo's iconic status through their traditional and non-traditional paintings, sculptures, and installation work. *The Other Side of the Alamo* is curated by art historian, curator and cultural worker, Ruben C. Cordova, Ph.D.

The Alamo, a former Spanish mission and a premiere tourist attraction located in downtown San Antonio is a historic icon recognizable worldwide and synonymous with the events of the Texas Revolution. Yet the Alamo, like the people of South Texas and the US/Mexico border, is complex and multi-faceted. Well known narratives, historical accounts, and folk-legends only paint a partial picture of what the Alamo represents to millions of Mexican-Americans, Chicanos, and Tejanos here in Texas and beyond.

"The Alamo is commonly touted as the 'Cradle of Texas Liberty,'" notes Cordova, "but that appellation overlooks the fact that its legacy has been to subvert the liberty of people of color. The powerful and provocative works in this exhibition address these suppressed narratives."

"The Guadalupe continues to provide a public platform to artists who question the mainstream narrative of our city," said Cristina Ballí, Executive Director, Guadalupe Cultural Arts Center. "Their interpretation of our community's history is essential, especially in today's politically charged climate."

The 26 participating artists are:

Verónica Castillo Salas	Felipe Reyes	Enrique Martinez	Ruben Luna
Mel Casas	Ángel Rodríguez-Díaz	Albert Alvarez	Luis Valderas
Jesse Treviño	Joe de la Cruz	Adan Hernandez	Andy Benavides
Cesar Martinez	Kathy Vargas	Ed Saavedra	Raul Servin
Rudy Treviño	Rolando Briseño	Daniela Riojas	Jose Esquivel
Ramon Vasquez y Sanchez	Laura Varela	Mari Hernandez	Roberto Jose Gonzalez
	Franco Mondini-Ruiz	Kristel Orta-Puente	



The exhibition opens February 23, the anniversary of the beginning of the siege of the Alamo, and concludes July 20, 2018. A major symposium and book signing, which will include the exhibition catalog and other topical publications, will take place around Juneteenth (June 19), the holiday that commemorates the announcement of the abolition of slavery in Texas in 1865.

The Galería Guadalupe is open Monday – Friday, 9:00 am – 5:00 pm. Admission is free. For appointments & group tours please schedule at least 48 hours in advance via email at info@guadalupeculturalarts.org or 210.271.3151.

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