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## Galería de la Raza presents **Recession Proof PACHANGA 2008**

**DATE:** Saturday, October 11, 2008  
7 p.m. to 10 p.m.  
LIVE Auction begins at 8 p.m.

**WHERE:** Galería de la Raza, 2857 24th St.

**TICKETS:** \$20 General, \$50 (Complimentary Drinks)

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(September 10, 2008, San Francisco) Galeria de la Raza will celebrate its 8<sup>th</sup> annual auction of Latino art with works small and large by local and international artists this October 11th. **PACHANGA 2008, or La Pachanguita as it is warmly referred to in light of our current state of economic affairs**, is Galeria de la Raza's annual fundraiser in support of a year-long calendar of vibrant Latino visual arts programs in the Bay Area as well as next generation arts education programming for Mission District youth.

The auction includes close to a hundred pieces of contemporary art works from both emerging and established Latino artists who have donated their work in support of Galeria de la Raza's mission to continue to cultivate and promote the work of outstanding Latino artists from all disciplines. Our largest fundraiser of the year, **La Pachanguita**, invites the public, students, art collectors, art lovers, neighbors and local community organizations to celebrate one of the longest standing Latino arts organizations in the United States. This year's fundraiser will present a larger array of smaller and more accessible works for aspiring collectors and community members. This year is especially exciting as we make our way towards our 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary and make plans for greater stability and the continued community engagement that has allowed us to historically thrive.

In 2007, more than 150 people helped us celebrate this annual tradition and we were able to raise over \$18,000 in funds. This year's list of contributing artists includes Ana Adarve, Pilar Agüero-Esparza, Keith Aguiar, Raul Aguiar, Juana Alicia, Elena Anaya, Mitsy Avila Ovalles, Jesus Barraza, Alexandra Blum, Victor Cartagena, Melanie Cervantez, Lawrence Colacion, Antonio Contreras, Jaime Cortez, Rudy Cuellar, Ali Dadger, Einar & Jamex De La Torre, Sergio De La Torre, Lou Dematteis, Andy Diaz Hope, Francisco Dominguez, Caleb Duarte, Felipe Dulzaides, Emael, Ana T. Fernandez, Colleen Flaherty, Juan Fuentes, Rupert Garcia, Guillermo Gomez-Peña, Tirso Gonzalez, Johanna Grawunder, Jaime Guerrero, Gabriela Hasbun, Ester Hernandez, Leticia Hernandez, Allan Herrera, Leonardo Herrera, Jimmy Jane, Jody Jock, Tim Keefe, Sahar Khoury, Tony Labat, Robin Lasser, John Leanos, Liz Lerma, Yolanda Lopez, Juan Luna Avin, Alicia McCarthy, Amalia Mesa-Bains, Miju, Julio Cesar Morales, Michelle Munning, Angelica Muro, Adrienne Pao Viva Paredes, Txutxo Perez, Patrick Piazza, Dulce Pinzon, Johanna Poethig, Silvia Poloto, Juan Carlos Quintana, Rigo, Calixto Robles, Favianna Rodriguez, Isis Rodriguez, Shizu Saldamando, Diana Sanchez, Andrew Schoultz, Jonathan Solo, Ernesto Sopprani, Brian Storts, Andrea Suess, Vincent Valdez, Rene Yañez and Rio Yañez and many more...

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### **About Galería de la Raza**

Galería de la Raza is an interdisciplinary space for art, thought and activism. Galería organizes cutting-edge art exhibitions, as well as multimedia presentations, performances and spoken-word events, screenings, computer-generated murals and educational activities.

Founded in 1970 by local artists active in El Movimiento (the Chicano civil rights moment), Galería is a non-profit, community-based Latino arts organization located in the heart of San Francisco's Mission District. It is nationally recognized and is one of the Bay Area's oldest, most well-respected arts organizations. Galería is an international forum for the examination and expression of concepts central to Latino experiences. Through art, Galería addresses issues confronting Latino peoples such as immigration policy, violence, war, family life, spirituality and race politics.

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**Gallery Hours: Open Wednesday - Saturday from 12 p.m. to 6 p.m.**  
**Studio24 Hours: Fall Hours, Monday through Sunday from 12 p.m. to 6 p.m.; Summer Hours, Wednesday through Sunday from 12 p.m. to 6p.m. Special Day of the Dead hours, please call 415.826.8009 for more information.**

Galería is accessible by MUNI and BART lines. Please check the website for details.