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SIMI VALLEY CULTURAL ARTS CENTER PRESENTS
OF MY BLOOD\DE MI SANGRE: A SOLO EXHIBIT BY
JOHN GALAN FROM JULY 6 – SEPTEMBER 3, 2023
IN THE UPPER GALLERY

Simi Valley, CA —The Simi Valley Cultural Arts Center will showcase the paintings of artist John Galan in an upcoming solo gallery exhibit titled ***Of My Blood\De Mi Sangre***. This exhibit will be on display in the Upper Gallery at the Cultural Arts Center from July 6 – September 3, 2023 with a Gallery Reception and Artist Talk held on July 6 from 5 PM to 7 PM. The Gallery Opening Reception and Artist Talk is free of charge and open to the public. Light refreshments will be available and the public is invited to come and meet the featured artist who will be in attendance at this reception.

The paintings in ***Of My Blood\De Mi Sangre*** are an invitation for the viewer to reflect upon the struggles and the triumphs of the human experience. Galan's artwork dives into the subconscious, pulling at the many layers of what makes us human. In his ongoing series, Galan portrays memories through cultural traditions rooted in indigenous healing practices. The pieces illustrate the body's connection to mental health and its ability to heal through natural remedies passed down by the artist's ancestors.

Simi Valley Cultural Arts Center is proud to present the artwork of John Galan, an internationally exhibited artist and educator who resides and teaches in Conejo Valley.

Of My Blood\De Mi Sangre opens on Thursday, July 6, 2023 with a special Gallery Opening Reception and Artist Talk held in the Upper Gallery at the Simi Valley Cultural Arts Center from 5 PM to 7 PM. The public is invited to come and meet the featured artist who will be in attendance at this reception. This exhibit will be on display in the Upper Gallery from July 6 – September 3, 2023. Admission to the Gallery Opening Reception and to the Gallery is free of charge and is open to the public.

About the Simi Valley Cultural Arts Center

The Simi Valley Cultural Arts Center (SVCAC) first opened its doors in 1995. Located in the historic building on the corner of Los Angeles Avenue and Church Street, the Center serves as a regional hub for the Arts and is home to theater, dance, music and the visual arts. It also serves as a community facility and is available for meetings, conferences and special events. The facility is owned and operated by the City of Simi Valley.

Since its founding, the Simi Valley Cultural Arts Center's mission has been to provide a multipurpose facility to present performances of music, theater, dance, film, lectures and popular entertainment as well as space for conferences, meetings, seminars, art gallery shows, and workshops. SVCAC seeks to develop, support, and encourage cultural activities and educational programs to enhance the quality of life of the citizens of Simi Valley and surrounding communities. As part of this commitment, admission to SVCAC's Galleries is always free of charge.

Visitor Information

Admission to the Upper Gallery and ***Of My Blood\De Mi Sangre*** is free of charge and open to the public. The Cultural Arts Center is located at 3050 East Los Angeles Avenue, Simi Valley, CA 93065. To view upcoming programs and to purchase tickets, please visit the Cultural Arts Center website at www.simi-arts.org or call the box office at (805) 583-7900.

Free admission to the Simi Valley Cultural Arts Center's Galleries is made possible through the combined generosity of the City of Simi Valley, the Simi Valley Cultural Arts Center Foundation, local business partners, and donors.

- WHAT:** ***Of My Blood\De Mi Sangre*** gallery exhibit
- WHERE:** Simi Valley Cultural Arts Center Upper Gallery, 3050 East Los Angeles Avenue in Simi Valley, CA 93065
- WHEN:** July 6 – September 3, 2023. Gallery Opening Reception and Artist Talk on July 6, 2023 from 5-7 PM in the Upper Gallery at the Cultural Arts Center.
- HOURS:** Tuesday – Saturday, noon to 5 PM, by appointment only
- COST:** Admission to the Gallery Opening Reception and Gallery is free of charge
- INFO:** For more information or to make an appointment, visit www.simi-arts.org or call 805-583-7905