

Experience the Caribbean through the paintings of artist Elizabeth Erazo Baez at the Dario Gallery Oct. 27 – Nov. 17

(Lake Worth, Fla. – Oct. 19, 2011) The Caribbean brings to mind a montage of sights, sounds and scents of a tropical paradise. Miami-based artist Elizabeth Erazo Baez captures the essence of the tropics in her exhibition "The Caribbean Experience" at the Jan & Gary Dario Gallery on the Palm Beach State College Lake Worth campus, Oct. 27 to Nov. 17.

Born in Brooklyn to Puerto Rican parents, Baez moved to her parents' country as a young girl, and her art reflects the Puerto Rican culture; her acrylic-on-canvas paintings are a series of colorful landscapes, seascapes, portraits and still lifes of tropical fruits and plants. She says the inspiration for her work comes from growing up in Puerto Rico.



"I am inspired by love of family life, America, Latin culture, pride of the Puerto Rican culture--being '*boricua*,'--the light of our spirit," says Baez. "In my art I try to use the typical brilliant and rich colors that I remember seeing in La Isla del Encanto. Color speaks to us everywhere, and to truly see it, I believe you have to feel it."

The exhibition is sponsored by the ASPIRA student club on the Lake Worth campus. There will be approximately 20 pieces on display and all work is available for sale, with prices ranging from \$700 to \$4,000.

"I once read that every culture is defined by its artists; with her art, Elizabeth Baez, defines the colorful Caribbean culture," said Aida Rodriguez, ASPIRA club president.

The opening reception for "The Caribbean Experience" is Thursday, Oct. 27 from 5 to 7 p.m. The reception and exhibition are free and open to the public. Gallery hours are 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Thursday. For more information call Jessica Amaral at 868-3270.

Editor's note: image caption: Elizabeth Erazo Baez, "Mangos From My Garden," acrylic on canvas. High resolution artwork available on request, contact CRM specialist below.

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