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Cuban artist Cesar Garcia exhibit “Beyond Perception” debuts May 13 at PBCC Eissey Campus

(Palm Beach Gardens, Fla. – April 21, 2008) Palm Beach Community College in Palm Beach Gardens will exhibit 17 original works by Cuban-born artist Cesar Garcia in an exhibition titled “Beyond Perception” at The Gallery at Eissey from May 13 through Sept. 5. The opening reception and artist lecture is Tuesday, May 13 from 5 – 8 p.m.

Born in Havana, Cuba in 1961, Garcia moved to the United States with his family in 1969. His initiation into the art world was through his uncle, a classically trained artist, and has never forgotten those creative moments he experienced as a child in his uncle’s studio; images that live and are always a part of him.

Garcia, who now lives in Miami, is a self-taught artist who uses ethnic influences from his homeland to create surrealist oil paintings rich in symbolism, figures, forms and language as an expression of ultimate intimacy.

“To be self-taught is an advantage rather than a hindrance,” says Garcia. “If there is a rule in formal training it can be broken and taken to another level. All art communicates, in my opinion, even if it’s simply to capture the beauty of the moment. My art speaks in different languages to those who are open to receive their own personal message in it.”

Summer hours for The Gallery at Eissey Campus are 9 a.m. -- 4 p.m. Mon. – Thurs. and 9 a.m. – noon on Friday. The gallery is in the BB building, Room 113, at Palm Beach Community College in Palm Beach Gardens, 3160 PGA Blvd. The gallery’s number is (561) 207-5015.

Palm Beach Community College, Florida’s first public community college, is celebrating its 75th anniversary throughout 2008. The largest institution of higher education in Palm Beach County, PBCC serves more than 45,000 students annually through its associate degrees, professional certificates, career and customized training

and lifelong learning. The College offers more than 100 programs of study at locations in Lake Worth, Boca Raton, Palm Beach Gardens and Belle Glade.

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