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The Jan & Gary Dario Gallery presents “The Ramos Master Collection” pre-Castro Cuban paintings

(Lake Worth, Fla. – Oct. 6, 2008) Palm Beach Community College, *Portada* magazine and Havana restaurant, in honor of Hispanic Heritage Month, present The Ramos Master Collection at PBCC Lake Worth, Friday, Oct. 24 and Saturday, Oct. 25.

In 1992, Roberto Ramos, his brother and 12 other refugees left Cuba in a 24-foot boat. Also in the boat were 14 unique pre-Revolution paintings by artists who had fallen out of favor with the Castro regime. Today Ramos is the largest collector of Cuban paintings from 1800 to 1958, and these works of art represent priceless images of Cuban history.

PBCC will be showing a selection of reproductions from his collection at the Jan & Dario Gallery on Oct. 24 and 25 at 6 p.m. All of the paintings exhibited will be available for sale at special discount prices, with the proceeds going toward PBCC scholarships.

Following the exhibit and cocktail reception, the award-winning movie, “Caridad, Madre Mia,” directed by Javier Echevarría, will be shown at Stage West in the Duncan Theatre. The documentary depicts the faith and devotion of five Cuban mothers to the patron saint of Cuba and the suffering they endured during a five-decade separation from their children.

Admission to the exhibit is \$25 per person; to make reservations call (561) 255-0549 or (561) 651-1112.

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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