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“Estamos Aquí: Voces Contemporáneos” Exhibit to Close Saturday with Celebration
Free Day of Family Fun Concludes NPL Celebration of Latino-American History

NASHVILLE, Tenn. – Nashvillians are invited to enjoy a day of free artmaking, dancing, food and conversations with artists to celebrate the closing of Nashville Public Library’s (NPL) exhibit, “Estamos Aquí: Voces Contemporáneos/We Are Here: Contemporary Voices” at the Main Library, 615 Church St. The exhibit features artwork from 14 Latin American artists from throughout Tennessee, many of whom will be on hand to discuss their works.

The “Voces Contemporáneos” exhibit and closing reception mark the end of a year-long project, *Estamos Aquí: 500 Years of Latino American History*, and are made possible through a grant from the National Endowment for the Humanities and the American Library Association. For more information about the project, visit:

www.library.nashville.org/latinoamericanhistory.

Schedule:

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| 9:30 a.m. | Family Artmaking inspired by exhibit, Children’s Arts and Crafts Room |
| 10:30 a.m. | Family Zumba, Puppet Theater |
| 1:30 p.m. | Artmaking with Jairo Prado, Lobby |
| All day | Teen Mural Making with Jorge Mendoza (artist talk at 1:30), Teen Area |
| 1:30 p.m. | Artmaking with Ruben Torres, Banner Room |
| 2-4 p.m. | Reception, Artists’ Presentations, Courtyard Gallery |

Featured Artists: Rafael Casco (Honduras), Antuco Chicaiza (Ecuador), Yuri Figueroa (Mexico), Orlando Garcia-Camacho (Colombia), Angel Olegario Luna (Mexico), Jorge Mendoza (Bolivia), Zoilita Mojica (Colombia), Jairo Prado (Colombia), Danielle Sierra (Mexican Heritage), Julie Sola

(Mexican Heritage), Ivan Soto (Honduras), Ruben Torres (Mexico), Yancy Villa-Calvo (Mexico), and Jorge Yances (Colombia)

About Estamos Aquí

Estamos Aquí is a series of projects and events focused on exploring the culture and history of Latino Americans in Nashville and the United States. Nashville Public Library, in partnership with local community organizations, has hosted film discussions, art exhibits, and oral history projects spanning 2014 and 2015. Estamos Aquí is made possible with support of LA 500, the National Endowment for the Humanities, the American Library Association and the Nashville Public Library Foundation. Partner organizations include Humanities Tennessee, Lipscomb University, Vanderbilt University, Tennessee Immigrant and Refugee Rights Coalition, Nashville Public Television, Casa de Cultura, the Center for Refugees and Immigrants of Tennessee and Conexión Americas. See more at <http://www.library.nashville.org/latinoamericanhistory>.

About Nashville Public Library

Nashville Public Library maintains a collection of 2 million items, including books, periodicals, DVDs, CDs, audiobooks, and downloadable books, movies and music. The library also offers more than 800 public-use computers, free art exhibits, educational programs, events for all ages, 24/7 reference assistance, online databases, interlibrary loan and special collections. The Metro Archives, located at the Main Library, houses 5 million historic documents. Equal access is provided by the Talking Library audio reading service for the print disabled and Library Services for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing. For more information, call (615) 862-5800 or visit library.nashville.org.

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