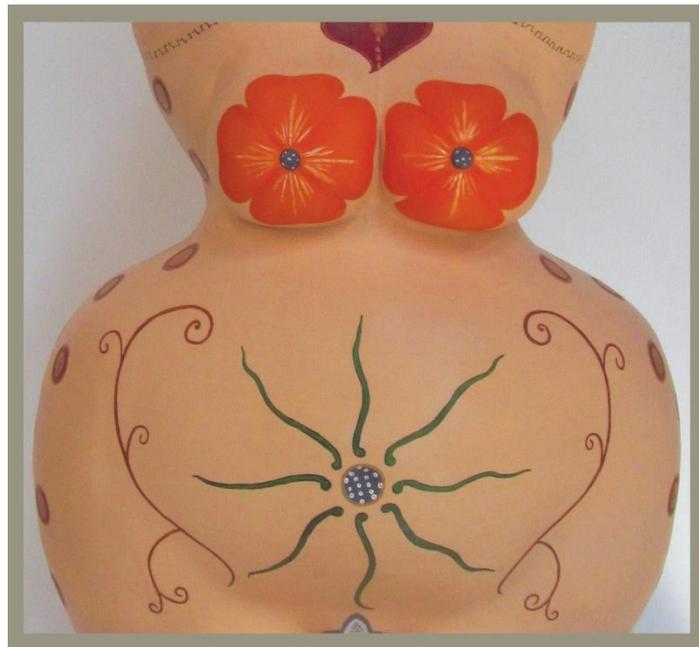


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“Family Traits” Exhibit by Isabel Acosta Opens September 12 at Hartford Public Library’s ArtWalk Gallery



HARTFORD, Connecticut (August 28, 2014) - Hartford Public Library announces **the September 12 opening of Isabel Acosta’s exhibit “Family Traits” at its ArtWalk gallery** at the Downtown Library at 500 Main Street, Hartford. Acosta’s work will be **on display through October 24, 2014, during regular Library hours.**

The Library invites the public to **celebrate the opening of this moving exhibit at a reception with the artist on Friday, September 12, 2014 from 6:00 – 8:00 PM.** Both the reception and exhibit are free and open to all.

“Family Traits” examines traditional roles of women in society, and the artist’s own experiences as a Latina woman in two worlds – Peru, her birthplace, and her new home in the United States.

“When I create, I picture my family and each of their distinct personal features from my memories,” said Acosta. “I strive to bring them close to me by depicting certain gestures, feelings and moods. Through

my work, I express my wonder at how many women feel the inequality between the sexes in all spheres of life.”

The exhibit is a part of Hartford Public Library’s Hispanic Heritage Month programming throughout the month of September. For more information about this and other events, visit hplct.org.

ABOUT THE ARTWALK

ArtWalk at Hartford Public Library offers one of the largest and most stunning exhibition spaces in greater Hartford and the opportunity for visitors to view art in a magnificent setting in their own community. The state-of-the-art gallery rises above Main Street along a glass wall that floods the space with ambient light during the day and appears to glow as a jewel box at night. Exhibitions offer an array of art experiences that reflect a variety of media, styles, and cultures in the art world, providing diverse viewing experiences, and allowing for many tastes. Because of the unusual cable system in place, one of the most unique aspects of the ArtWalk is that any wall and lighting configuration or arrangement can change with the nature of every new exhibition. The ArtWalk is made possible through the generosity of donors, especially the Beatrice Fox Auerbach Foundation Fund at Hartford Foundation for Public Giving. Artwalk.hplct.org

ABOUT HARTFORD PUBLIC LIBRARY

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