

Spanish-American Institute Press Release Re: Desiree Maldonado

The Student Club "English through the Arts" Special Gallery Exhibition Space at Spanish-American Institute is pleased to announce the inaugural exhibit at its new 35th Street location: Paintings by Desiree Maldonado. Desiree currently studies English as a Second Language at the Institute.

Ms Maldonado is an accomplished artist who has studied and worked extensively in various media including painting, drawing and photography. Born in the La Pampa Province of Argentina, Desiree was awarded an International Gold Medal by the Olympic Fine Arts Committee in Beijing China in 2008. She also has an Associate of Arts Degree from the Bachillerato de Bellas Artes, as well as further studies at the University of Cordoba. Since coming to the United States, Desiree has participated in several group exhibitions and presented a number of solo exhibitions in New York City.

Her art is based on pure expressionism, through which she communicates her thoughts, emotions and feelings. Using pure acrylic straight from the tube, Desiree creates spaces of colors and lines that define faces or parts of figures with a mix of abstraction. One can clearly see how her art process is influenced by Van Gogh, Picasso and Jackson Pollack. Desiree also studied with Dante Montich, considered an important artist in the expressionist movement in Cordoba, Argentina.

Desiree's most recent project, prepared especially for the Spanish-American Institute, is entitled "Rebirth of the Angel." Upon her arrival at the Institute, Desiree felt a positive energy, generated she feels, from such a diverse group of peoples, countries and cultures. She believes the Institute exemplifies how we can all learn to love one another and work together. Her paintings for this exhibit are "inspired by the angel we all have inside that needs to be awakened to feel universal love for all mankind."

The Institute has been serving international students since 1955. Like many students at the Institute, Desiree hopes that her English studies will help her career by enabling communication about her work and interests with a larger audience. Desiree's exhibit is

part of the Institute's "English through the Arts" Series which showcases the work of talented students as it stimulates other students' English language acquisition through classroom discussion about the artists and their exhibits.

The exhibit is open to the public starting in mid-May 2016 at the Spanish-American Institute's new location: Monday through Friday from 10am-8pm, 240 West 35th Street, Manhattan, between 7th and 8th Avenues, a short walk from Macy's, Herald Square, Penn Station and Madison Square Garden. (212) 840-7111 www.sai.nyc info@sai.nyc.
Desiree's works may also be viewed at? <http://www.anadesiree.com/>

