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## The Season South of Memory opens at Latin American Contemporary Art Projects

**Charlotte**, **North Carolina** – Latin American Contemporary Art Projects (LaCa) Gallery announces the January 8, 2015 opening of *Roberto Márquez: The Season South of Memory*.

The Season South of Memory presents a collection of 44 paintings and drawings by world-renowned artist Roberto Márquez, a native of Mexico. The works found in this exhibition depict the passing of time by evoking real and imagined memories, along with the reinterpretation of religious symbols. They seek to explore one's fall from innocence through experience, often tinted by subdued eroticism and a long for devotional order.

Márquez, LaCa's first Mexican artist, grew up in Guadalajara where he studied architecture at the ITESO and later sculpture at the Universidad de Guadalajara. His first solo exhibition opened in 1984 at the ARVIL Gallery in Mexico City, and the following year his work premiered in the United States at the Riva Yares Gallery in Scottsdale, Arizona. He moved to New York, where he still resides, in 1990. Márquez's work has been the subject of several museum solo shows, including the Museo de Arte Contemporáneo de Monterrey, the Tucson Museum of Art, the Museo de las Arte de Guadalajara, and the Museo de Hacienda. Along with museum exhibitions, his work has been featured in galleries across Mexico, the United States, Colombia, Spain, Italy, and Australia, and can be found in numerous public and private collections in the United States and Mexico.

An exclusive preview event will take place on Thursday, January 8 from 6-9 p.m. at LaCa Projects Gallery. Contact Neely Verano at <a href="mailto:neely@lacaprojects.com">neely@lacaprojects.com</a> or 704.837.1688 to arrange an interview with Márquez and/or to RSVP to the preview.

**Season South of Memory** will be open from January 8 through February 19. Gallery hours are 10 a.m. – 5 p.m. Tuesday through Friday, 12 p.m. – 5 p.m. Saturday, and by appointment. Visit <a href="www.lacaprojects.com">www.lacaprojects.com</a>, or call 704-837-1688/e-mail <a href="mailto:info@lacaprojects.com">info@lacaprojects.com</a> for more information and for photographs of selected designs from the exhibition.

## About LaCa Projects

LaCa Projects opened in March 2013 with *poetics of erratic materialism*, a solo exhibition featuring the works of pop-surrealist artist Juan Dolhare (Argentina). Located in the heart of the revitalized FreeMoreWest neighborhood, LaCa Projects is a platform dedicated to the presentation, development, and promotion of Latin American art and culture within the United States. The gallery encourages cross-cultural dialogue by representing a small group of influential and thought-provoking contemporary, emerging and mid-career artists, as well as exhibiting a broader range of work by established and Master Latin American artists. In November 2014, the gallery opened three artist studios for Latin American artists and began the planning stages for an authentic cafe set to open later in 2015.