

PR release

Denver, Colorado - In coordination of the 50th anniversary of Stonewall and World Pride, CHAC is pleased to present a group exhibition, *Amor es Amor: Celebrating LGBTQ within Chicanisma/o*. The show will run from June 7 through June 31, with the opening reception on First Friday June 7, from 5-9pm.

The show will feature works by: Daniel Salazar, Louis Trujillo, Judith Sanchez, Linda Jaquez, Anna Stiles, Jessie LeJeune, Lucille Rivera, Alicia Vasquez, Ray LeJeune, Judy Miranda, Sean Trujillo, and others.

In a first-of-its-kind exhibition, CHAC is celebrating the LGBTQ within Chicanisma/o. At a time when many messages are focused on what separates us, *Amor es Amor* is a bold step in sharing what we have in common.

Without ignoring historical friction between the two communities, the exhibition acknowledges the many similar experiences endured by Chicana/o and LGBTQ people. Defined by a history where oppression and violence led to a lack of visibility, both celebrate their strength in community, self-reliance, and family; and capacity for love through vibrant visual art, writing, music and dance.

Through the themes of perception, self-expression and recognition, *Amor es Amor* shares varied and insightful viewpoints, from artists of all identifications. For example, Daniel Salazar's series *Machos Sensitivos*, questions the image, role and idea of masculinity in Chicano culture. The series is provocative, historically inciting protests in previous exhibitions in Denver.

To fully explore the themes of the show, CHAC will host a series of events, including a panel discussion in partnership with One Colorado; the state's leading advocacy organization dedicated to advancing equity for LGBTQ Coloradans and their families.

To further celebrate Pride, limited edition design t-shirts, totes and other souvenirs will be available for purchase to raise funds for the gallery.

In its 41st year, the Chicano Humanities & Arts Council (CHAC) is a non-profit consortium of artists, cultural workers, individuals, and organizations dedicated to the preservation and promotion of Chicano/Latino culture in the state of Colorado.

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Gallery is located at 22 Santa Fe Dr, Denver, Colorado. and hours are Wednesday-Saturday 10am-4pm and by appointment 48 hours in advance. For media preview and additional information, please contact CHAC's Gallery Executive Director Lucille Rivera, 303.571.0440.