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4th Annual Noche Latina at University of Saint Joseph ***Art By Venezuelan Artist Corina Alvarezdelugo***



"Utopia II" by Corina Alvarezdelugo

WEST HARTFORD, Conn. (September 15, 2014) – The University of Saint Joseph will celebrate Latino culture with its fourth annual Noche Latina — a celebration featuring an exhibition by Venezuelan artist Corina AlvarezdeLugo which opens Monday, September 29 at 5:30 p.m., and runs through October 19, 2014. The exhibition, *Remendando mi Patria (Mending my Country)*, will be featured in the second floor reception room of the Bruyette Athenaeum on the University's main campus: 1678 Asylum Avenue, West Hartford. The exhibition and opening reception are free and open to the public.

Remendando mi Patria will include mixed media pieces created from AlvarezdeLugo's personal memorabilia. The international sculptor and painter said, "'Mi patria' means 'my country' in Spanish and 'remendando' comes from the Spanish verb 'Remendar,' which means to mend or patch a piece of clothing. Using this analogy, *Remendando mi Patria* is my visual expression,

which evolved from delving deeply into the disturbing political reality of Venezuela, my birth country ... Most fabrics used in this series came from a small suitcase I had filled up years ago with remnants from when we lived in Venezuela ... In a sense, this series is a catharsis, releasing my memories of my home country that is no longer what it used to be because of its ongoing political turmoil. *Remendando mi Patria* is a way of dealing with the reality of my country and my own reality as well, to find healing and to send a message to the world.”

Noche Latina was formed in 2010 and is a popular celebration of Latino culture. “Noche Latina has quickly become a meaningful event — for both the University and the greater Hartford community,” said Assistant Professor of Social Work Nelly Rojas Schwan, Ph.D. “It complements the University’s Institute for Latino Community Practice, which prepares undergraduate and graduate students for culturally and linguistically competent leadership in their professions.”

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