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**Chaos On The Canvas
The Art of Hilario
West Valley Art Museum
May 22 to August 30**

Hilario Gutierrez, who works under the single name Hilario opens his art exhibition at West Valley Art Museum May 22. Hilario has been painting and selling his work since 1994. In that time, he has sold more than 1,100 original works of art, making him one of the top-selling artists in Arizona.

Gutierrez has published a book that translates why he paints into how he paints. Hilario wrote his book to answer a question often posed to him by his many fans. Why, when one views a painting by Hilario, does one feel a sudden emotional connection to it and to him? In his book, *Chaos On The Canvas - The Art Of Hilario*, he explains how he makes this happen. He says; "As a self aware artist, I work from my soul, heart, and mind...and my mind is the last tool I need to create my art. My soul allows the ethereal chaos of my spirit to emerge; my heart allows my humanity to surface; and my mind channels awareness of my soul's and heart's expression into my art." The book is on sale in the Museum Store for \$39.95.

The solo exhibition of his work at the West Valley Art Museum, in Surprise, Arizona carries the same title as his book, and work featured in the book will be displayed. Some of the work is from Hilario's private collection and has never been exhibited. The book can also be ordered through Hilario's website at www.ArtofHilario.com.

Along with writing the book, Hilario has been busy over the past year creating new work. In September, 2008, he opened his third solo show at Ogilvie/Pertl Gallery in Chicago. On March 1st, 2009, he opened his first solo show at Larsen Gallery in Scottsdale. And on May 1st, 2009, he will open his first solo show at Handsel Gallery in Santa Fe.

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WEST VALLEY ART MUSEUM

17420 N. Avenue of the Arts
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“2Day Journey”



“Brothers”



“Pushing Through”

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