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Pictured: Zapatas Widows as Pretext. Oil on Canvas, 2010 by Carmen Chami

ART EXHIBITION COMING TO SOUTH SUBURBAN COLLEGE'S THIEL GALLERY IN SEPTEMBER

SOUTH HOLLAND, IL–In celebration of Hispanic Heritage Month, the Art & Design Department of South Suburban College is pleased to present a solo exhibition entitled *Silent Witnesses* by Carmen Chami. The exhibition will be on display in the Dorothea Thiel Gallery September 6 – October 11. On September 21, Ms. Chami will deliver an art historical lecture on traditional pictorial techniques popularized in the XVII century and their relationship to her artistic techniques at 12:15 in room 4340 with an artist reception to follow at 1:00.

Carmen Chami (Mexico City, 1974) graduated with a degree in Art Restoration. Her education specialized in the great Masters of the seventeenth century of New Spanish Baroque (Mexican Baroque) style and she was able to discover that it is a very particular way in which that they applied the color on the canvas with a precise order. The great masters she studied only used 8 pigments in most cases and the result was an art wonderfully rich in color and light. She translated all of this knowledge into her own pictorial language, with color being an invaluable resource and a powerful and dramatic expression. The artist stated, “I’m a Mexican artist living in Chicago since 2015 and am very fortunate that as a creative imaginative artist, I get to face to face every day with a limitless blank canvas”.

Chami’s paintings belong to important institutions such as the Mexican Presidency; Marines Secretary; National University of Mexico; Milenio Group and the National Death Museum. Chami is currently part of the National Creators System supported

by the Mexican government, which obtained a grant for three years to develop the theme "Adlateres Migrantes" (Migrant Minions). Additional images and information are available at the artist's website www.carmenchami.com

The public is welcome to visit art exhibitions and receptions at no charge. The Dorothea Thiel Gallery is located on the fourth floor and is open Monday through Friday from 9:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. The galleries are closed on weekends and holidays. The galleries are supported in part by the SSC Foundation. SSC is located at 15800 South State Street, South Holland, Illinois. For more information contact (708) 596-2000 ext. 2316. Para Información En Español Llame: (708) 210-5740.

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