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The Boston Printmakers and Laconia Gallery present
Making Connections: Contemporary Cuban Printmakers
October 2 - November 22, 2009
Laconia Gallery
433 Harrison Avenue, Boston, MA

Exhibition features prints by 93 contemporary Cuban artists

(Boston, MA - August 20, 2009) Laconia Gallery and the Boston Printmakers present ***Making Connections: Contemporary Cuban Printmakers*** from October 2 through November 22, 2009 at the Laconia Gallery in Boston's South End. Curated by Candy Nartonis and Marjorie Javan, the exhibit includes etchings, lithographs, woodcuts, linocuts, digital prints, and books from 93 Cuban artists. Although a few of these artists now call the United States home, most live in Cuba. ***Making Connections*** includes work by such internationally known names as Belkis Ayon, Yamilys Brito, Carlos Esteves, Manuel Mendive, Ibrahim Miranda, and Sandra Ramos, as well as artists better known in Cuba. Also featured are Boston artists Magdalena Campos-Pons and Francisco Mendez-Diaz.

Travel and business restrictions, along with financial restraints, have limited our access to Cuban artists. There is new interest in Cuban art, as evidenced by an exhibition of Cuban books at the Grolier Club in New York earlier this year and an exhibition of selected Latin American artists at the Center for Contemporary Printmaking in Norwalk, CT, this fall. Because of the embargo, this exhibition introduces Cuban prints from collections already in the United States. Special thanks to lenders Phyllis Ewen, Catherine Merrill, the Massachusetts College of Art, Catherine Kiernan, Janna Longacre, Annie Silverman, Maria Lopez and Stephen Mendich, and Steven Daiber and Jacqueline Hayden.

Cuban artists do not specialize in one media but typically work across several to produce paintings, sculpture, ceramics, installations, prints, and other multi-media presentations. In that sense, this show introduces Boston to just one facet of these fine artists.

Making Connections continues the Boston Printmakers tradition of sponsoring international exhibitions that celebrate the universal language of the fine art print and the collaborative spirit of printmakers. It is part of a continuing effort to bring artists from different cultures together and to expose their work to an American audience. In addition to mounting exhibitions, the Boston Printmakers has taken American printmakers to China and Vietnam for workshops, exhibitions, and

exchanges, and plans a similar exchange to Mexico in 2010. The organization has also brought printmakers from Canada, Iceland, China, and Vietnam to the US. This exhibition is the first of what is hoped are many exchanges with fellow artists in Latin America.

The exhibition is open Thursdays through Sundays from 12 to 4pm, on First Fridays, from 5:30 to 8pm, and by special appointment by calling 617-426-5303 or 781-862-5689.

Making Connections is part of a larger Boston area celebration of Cuban culture with the Fuller Craft Museum and the Massachusetts College of Art. Activities at all three locations include:

Laconia Gallery events:

433 Harrison Ave., Boston www.laoniagallery.org

October 2, 5:30-8pm, First Friday Reception

October 15, 6-7pm, Gallery talk with artist/collector Phyllis Ewen: Azul y Blue

October 18, 1-2 pm, Gallery talk with artist/collector Steven Daiber: Collaboration with Cuban Print Studios

November 6, 5:30-8pm, First Friday Reception

November 22, Sunday, 3-4pm, Closing party: drinks & tapas

Gallery hours: Thursday-Sunday, 12-4pm

First Fridays, 5:30-8pm

Fuller Craft Museum events:

455 Oak Street, Brockton www.fullercraft.org

Beyond the Embargo: Cuban and American Ceramics June 11-October 18, 2009

October 3, Saturday, 10-4pm, Clay and Printmaking workshop with Paul Andrew Windless

October 4, Sunday, 4pm, Cuban closing party

Massachusetts College of Art and Design events:

621 Huntington Avenue, Boston www.massart.edu

MassArt in Cuba September 21-October 16, 2009 Brandt Gallery, 3rd floor South Building

September 24, 2009, 6:30pm, Opening Reception

Exhibition introduction by Janna Longacre and lecture by Catherine Merrill

Making Connections: Contemporary Cuban Printmakers includes:

Pedro Abascal Vázquez, Michel Acosta, Pavel Acosta, Juan Carlos Alom, Franklin Álvarez, Belkis Ayón, Hugo Azcuy Castillo, Abel Barroso, Pablo Borges Delgado, Yamilys Brito, Tania Bruguera, Janet Brossard Duharte, Luis Cabrera, Ányel Maidelin Calzadilla Fernández, Maria Magdalena Campos-Pons, Iván y Joan Capote, Marlon Castellanos Barrera, Liset Castillo Valdéz, Osvaldo Castillo, Sandra Ceballos Obaya, Angel Delgado, Liang Dominguez, Nelson Dominguez, Luis Lamothe Duribe, ENEMA, Ricardo Elías, Carlos Estévez, Dania Fleites Díaz, Ordoamoris Gabinete, Carlos Garaicoa Manso, Amalia Amayo García, Aliosky Garcia, Yordanis García Delgado, Alejandro González, Eduardo Guerra, Inti Hernández, Laura Hidalgo Cabrer, Joel Jiménez, Glenda León, Antonio Lewis, Alberto Lescay, Ted Magee, Jacqueline Maggi Hollands, Cecilia Mandrile, Norberto Marrero Pirez, Frank Martinez, Mayimbe, Janier Méndez, Maria Mencia, Francisco Mendez-Diez, Manuel Mendive, Juan Carlos Menéndez Ruiz, Tatiana Mesa, Abel Milanes, Enrique Miralles Tarabull (Tente), Ibrahim Miranda, Ricardo Silverira Miro, Orlando Montalván, Carlos Montes De Oca, Yalili y Daniel Rivero Mora, Yamilianis Morales, Eduardo Muñoz, Antonio Núñez Hernández, Julio Cesar Pena Peralta, Hanoi Pérez Cardero, Roberto Fabelo Pérez, Eduardo Ponjuán González, Adislen Reyes Pino, Alain Pino, Planchet, Juan Carlos Pozo Galvez, Rene Quintana, Angel Roque Ramíríz, Alfredo Ramos, Sandra Ramos, Jesús Roberto Reyes Romeu (Chucho), Andy Rivero, Juan Carlos Rivero Cintra, Fernando Rodríguez Falcón, Isolina Limonta Rodríguez, Elio Rodríguez Valdés, Lázaro Saavedro González, Alejandro Ramón Alfonso Sainz, Eduardo Hernández Santos, Bernardo Sarrias, Alberto Sautúa, González Suárez, Israel Tamayo Zamora, José Angel Toirac, Ulises Urra, Elio Rodríguez Valdés, Rafael Zarza Gonzalez, Kerstin Zurbrigg

Note: High resolution images from ***Making Connections*** are available for download under PRESS at www.bostonprintmakers.org, or by e-mail request to cd.nartonis@verizon.net.