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The Chicano Collection/La Colección Chicana Art Exhibit Now Open at the Old Orange County Courthouse



Supervisor Vicente Sarmiento and OC Parks Director Pam Passow cut the ribbon for The Chicano Collection exhibition. Joining them are - (from left to right, front row) OC Parks Commissioner Ray Diaz, Santa Ana City Councilmember Johnathon Ryan Hernandez, Santa Ana Unified School District President Carolyn Torres, Tustin City Councilmember Rebecca "Beckie" Gomez, Anaheim Union High School District Trustee Jessica Guerrero, Santa Ana City Councilmember Benjamin Vasquez, (from left to right, second row) Rancho Santiago Community College District Student Trustee Ricardo Alcaraz, Tustin Unified School District President Allyson Muñiz Damikolas, Rancho Santiago Community College Trustee David Crockett, Santa Ana City Councilmember Jessie Lopez, Tustin Unified School District Vice President Jonathan Stone, Orange Unified School District Trustee Kris Erickson, Rancho Santiago Community College District Trustee Zeke Hernandez, Orange Unified School District Trustee Stephen Glass.



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(Santa Ana, Calif.) – Chicano history and culture intersect at *The Chicano Collection/La Colección Chicana* art exhibit. Now open to the public at the Old Orange County Courthouse in Santa Ana (211 W. Santa Ana Blvd.), the collection features images depicting urban life and the Chicano experience between 1969 and 2001.

The exhibition consists of limited-edition digital reproductions, known as giclées, of original paintings from 26 prominent Chicano artists from the private collection of actor and comedian, Cheech Marin. Marin's collection now serves as the foundation of The Cheech Marin Center for Chicano Art & Culture of the Riverside Art Museum, which opened in June 2022.

The prints were created through a national art project led by Marin with the late Richard S. Duardo of Modern Multiples Fine Art Editions and Melissa Richardson Banks of CauseConnect. In addition to the giclées, a 25-minute documentary about Chicano art and linocut portraits of each artist created by Artemio Rodriguez are on display. The exhibit will be at the Courthouse exhibit gallery through the end of the year.

“Preserving the cultural heritage within our diverse and historic communities is so important, including depictions of the story and struggle of Mexican Americans and Latinos in the Southwest. I wanted to help bring this exhibit here, since many of our residents do not have the opportunity to visit the museum in Riverside and because Orange County has played a vital role in the Chicano movement. I am very proud to have this incredible art experience available for residents and visitors at the historic Old Orange County Courthouse,” said Supervisor Vicente Sarmiento. “We join the community in celebrating Chicano Heritage Month by hosting *The Chicano Collection/La Colección Chicana* exhibition.”

The Chicano Movement has been shaped by notable leaders and activists such as Cesar Chavez, Dolores Huerta and more for several decades. Marin has been captivated by artistic expressions of the Chicano culture and has amassed his own renowned private collection over the last 40 years. *The Chicano Collection* was produced to advance Chicano art as a recognized school of American art, increase public accessibility to this work in cities nationwide and help audiences understand and appreciate the richness of the culture.

Admission to *The Chicano Collection/La Colección Chicana* exhibit is free and open to view at the Old Orange County Courthouse gallery Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. beginning August 8. Metered parking is available at the onsite lot and surrounding street parking.

For information about *The Chicano Collection/La Colección Chicana* art exhibit or the Old Orange County Courthouse, please visit <https://www.ocparks.com/historic-sites/old-orange-county-courthouse>.

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