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### **Estrella Mountain Community College Celebrates Hispanic Heritage Month with Xico Arte Y Cultura**

The exhibition is one of several campus events that honor and celebrate Hispanic culture

**AVONDALE, ARIZONA, September 13, 2018** – As part of its annual celebration of Hispanic Heritage Month, EMCC is excited to present *XICO VIDA ÍINA*, a collection of prints from Xico's collection highlighting the monoprint and monosilk printmaking techniques. These curated works are bold in color and exuberant in nature, marking them as visual celebrations of *vida* and *ina*, which are expressions for life, ways of being, movement, and animation in the Spanish and Diné languages, respectively.

Curated by Kara Roschi, the exhibition runs from September 15, 2018 - January 31, 2019, at the Avondale campus, in Estrella Hall and Komatke A + B halls. A public lecture and tour with guest artist Gennaro Garcia takes place at 1:30 p.m. on October 4 in the Plaza Gallery. Additionally, EMCC is hosting a full calendar of events to celebrate Hispanic Heritage Month; a complete list will be available soon on our website.

#### **Participating artists:**

- Alfredo Manzo
- Cristina Cardenas
- Gennaro Garcia
- Marco Albarran
- Monica Gisel Crespo
- Damian Charette
- Diana Calderon
- Joey Gold Chavez
- Martin Moreno
- Reggie Casillas
- David Mange
- Fausto Fernandez
- Jose Benavides
- Mary Ann Rodriguez
- Veronica Verdugo-Lomeli

The printmaking medium incorporates multiple processes and techniques. It's also known for a rich history that dates back to the 1st Century. By the 1970s, printmaking had become one of the most important mediums for U.S. Latino artists. According to art historian Tatiana Reinoza, "Print activism was central to political organizing and print workshops, known as *talleres*, developed across the country. Talleres created a sense of unification, or Latinidad, as artists directly engaged with communities in open workshop environments and shared authorship over production." Later, some of these workshops would shift tone and enter the collaborative press movement. In 1975, Xico was founded as one of the premier cultural institutions in Arizona serving Latino and Indigenous artists with a mission of nourishing a greater appreciation of cultural and spiritual heritages through the arts.

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To learn more about Xico Arte y Cultura, visit [xicoinc.org](http://xicoinc.org)

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