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ArtSi Charlotte Announces Featured Artists for its Signature Event “Con A de Arte 2014” Artists to Perform/Present Live at 11th Annual Event Celebrating Latinos in the Arts

ArtSi Charlotte, an arts initiative that supports and connects Latino artists in the Charlotte area, today announced the featured artists for its signature event **Con A de Arte 2014**. Artists featured this year will perform live (performers) or will give a presentation (visual artists and writers) at the Con A de Arte event taking place on Friday, June 13 at The Mint Museum uptown at Levine Center for the Arts, located on 500 S. Tryon Street, uptown Charlotte, from 6 PM to 8 PM. Con A de Arte will be followed by the Mint to Move Cultural Dance Night from 8 PM to 11 PM.

Featured artists were chosen by a group of professionals from institutions that include The Mint Museum, the Charlotte Mecklenburg Library, and Queens University of Charlotte. The artists to be featured at Con A de Arte 2014 are:

FEATURED ARTISTS:

- Tina Alberni – **Visual Arts**
- Leonor Demori – **Visual Arts**
- Victor Palomino – **Visual Arts**
- David Solis Olson – **Classical Guitarist**
- The Brazilian Arts Center: Glau Santana & Mestre Esquilo – **Multidiscipline Performance**
- Artesanos de la Palabra (Artisans of the Word): Jose Vazquez, Kurma Murrain, Patricia Atilano, Irania M. Patterson, Cielo Ramirez, and Claudia Quijano-Tourn – **Poetry**

As part of the Con A de Arte celebration the Charlotte Mecklenburg Library will host a literary night of memories and poetry featuring poet Kurma Murrain and her new book “In the Prism of your Soul.”

The Library Literary Night will take place at the Independence Regional Branch on Thursday, June 12 from 6:30 to 7:45. The Independence Regional Library is located on 6000 Conference Drive, Charlotte NC 28212.

On that evening, Ms. Murrain will conduct a workshop inviting the audience to write from their deepest memories. By the end of the workshop participants will have designed their own “Wall of Goodbyes” to say their farewells with the unique phraseology of poetry.

About ArtSi: ArtSi Charlotte is a community initiative developed to support Latin American artists in the Charlotte region. ArtSi Charlotte connects Latino artists to available resources, creates opportunities, empowers Latino initiatives and bridges the cultural, communication and financial barriers that Latino artists may face. Further, it aims to connect the community as a whole with an amazing pool of talented and diverse artists from the Latino community. Strategic direction, administrative support and programming is provided by the following organizations, members of ArtSi’s steering committee: Latin American Women’s Association, Levine Museum of the New South, McColl Center for Visual Art, The Mint Museum, Queens University of Charlotte, and the Latin American Contemporary Art Projects (LaCa Projects).

This year **Con A de Arte** is one of many of events focused on Latin American art taking place through a partnership between The Mint Museum, LaCa Projects, the McColl Center for Visual Art, and ArtSi Charlotte.

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