

Lisie S. Orjuela
Paintings
at
MacDonough Art Gallery



“Cat Stretch” Oil on Canvas 46”x54”

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Tuesday April 11 - Monday April 24, 2006
(Closed April 14, Good Fri)

Opening Reception Wednesday April 12 , 4-6 pm

MacDonough Art Gallery at Albertus Magnus College's Campus Center presents “**Paintings**” by **Lisie S. Orjuela** Tuesday April 11 - Monday April 24, 2006 (Closed April 14, Good Fri). Gallery Hours are Monday - Friday 2 pm-6 pm, Saturday and Sunday 10 am – 6 pm. . The exhibit is free and open to the public.

Lisie S. Orjuela visually taps into the inner world of the psyche, spirit, soul. Her paintings are reminiscent of woven textiles, with layers of thoughts intertwined with feelings and experiences. Her work is timely since it also explores rising up from difficult times. These experiences are often mournful, yet ever vibrant and on the move. Her intent is to grasp connections and find the relationships that exist therein, whether within ourselves, others and/or our surroundings.

Orjuela's paintings feature richly colored, textured figurative images. Each painting evokes a state of mind. Orjuela's main interest lies in the interior dimensions, the psychological spheres and environments. Hence the lack of recognizable placement for the human figures. Instead they dissolve and then emerge out of the surrounding ground, interacting with it, being a part of it.

Patterns and textures have become an important part of Orjuela's vocabulary in the last few years, adding to the richness and ambiguity of the pieces. The complexity of the figures' inner worlds are hinted at by using an organic process of layering visual textures with rich earthy colors. Orjuela's process is slow and deliberate, as she mines for the interior dimensions that lie beneath each image. Her paintings are not only weighty in content, they are also hefty in size. Most of the pieces have dimensions of approximately 4ft. by 4ft..

Originally from South America, painter **Lisie S. Orjuela** has lived in various countries and several states within the United States. She currently resides and has her studio in Trumbull, Connecticut. Orjuela is a founding member of the vibrant Arts & Literature Laboratory Gallery in New Haven, CT. In addition to participating in numerous group exhibitions, Orjuela has had solo exhibitions in MA, CT, NJ, MO, IL, OK, and Mexico. For more information log onto www.lisieorjuela.com.