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## **Artist Mirta Toledo Celebrates Diversity**



Austin artist Mirta Toledo celebrates diversity through an exhibit of acrylic paintings and mixed media at the City of Austin Minority Business Association located in 4100 Ed Bluestein.

"With my art work I want to reflect the ethnic and cultural diversity that exists not only in my family, but also in the Hispanic community and society as a whole, said the artist."

Toledo, who was born and raised in Argentina, now lives and works in Austin,

Texas. She holds a M.F.A in painting and sculpture from University of Fine Arts in Buenos Aires. She has exhibited her artwork in Argentina, Brazil.

Hawaii and the USA. For the last ten years, her works reveals her search for identity and features the theme of finding value in a racially and culturally diverse society.

In 1997 she was recognized as Outstanding Hispanic Woman in the Arts and was honored with the Estrella Award by the Hispanic Women's Network of Texas, Fort Worth Chapter.

Since 1993 she has lectured about celebrating the diversity of beliefs, languages, traditions, races and lifestyles, "the greatest treasure of Humankind in facing the future. The conferences were called "Pure Diversity, A Quest for Identity."

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