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## The Ice House Cultural Center hosts closing reception for Tracks of the Jaguar: Molina High School Art Exhibition

*The reception will take place on Saturday, August 30, 2008 (6-8 p.m.)*

Dallas, TX – The Ice House Cultural Center will host a closing reception for “**Tracks of the Jaguar: Molina High School Art Exhibition**,” a collection of drawings, paintings and sculptures by a dynamic group of students. Under the instruction of art teacher William Adkins, these students discover their own voice as they address a variety of current issues relative to their life and experience as individuals and within their community. Mr. Adkins is the creator of **PEAK (Prevention and Education through the Arts for Kids)**, an arts based program designed to empower at-risk youth to make positive life choices.

### About the artists

The participating artists in this exhibit are Angelica Alvear, Maria Chavez, Rene Cordova, Cristina Gamez, Daniel Lopez, Desiree Rios, Francisco Rivas, Cristina Rubalcava and Eric Viciado. Many of the works exhibited by these students have been recognized by the Texas Art Education Association (TAEA) with an Outstanding Rating in regional competitions, and have received high scores in the College Board’s Advanced Placement (AP) examinations. Some of these students recently graduated and will start college in the fall.

### About PEAK

PEAK is based on research by the *Search Institute* which identifies the arts as one of 40 developmental assets that must be present in the lives of children in order for them to make positive life choices. Studies show that when a child is exposed to the arts, they are less likely to become involved in violence, substance abuse or teen pregnancy. Mr. Adkins formed PEAK as a community driven program that offers free long-term, after school and summer activities, classes and workshops that promote positive, instructive dialogue on issues such as peer-pressure, media influence, structuring leisure time and conflict resolution. If you are interested in getting involved with PEAK or would like more information, please visit <http://www.peaktexas.org/index.html>.

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### **Press photographs**

Print-resolution (300 dpi) JPEG press photographs are available upon request. Photographs may only be used for promotional, educational, or non-commercial purposes.



**Desiree Rios**



**Cristina Gamez**

### **Ice House Cultural Center**

The Ice House Cultural Center is a division of the City of Dallas Office of Cultural Affairs. The center provides a Latino-focused venue to promote arts and cultural events that reflect the diversity of Oak Cliff and the surrounding neighborhoods. The Ice House Cultural Center is sponsored, in part, by the Texas Commission on the Arts.

### **Location and hours**

The Ice House Cultural Center is located in Oak Cliff at 1004 W. Page Street, Dallas, Texas 75208, near the intersection of Polk Avenue and 12th Street. The Ice House Cultural Center is open Tuesday through Friday from 1 to 6 PM and on Saturday from 12 to 6 PM. The center is closed on Sunday and Monday. For more information on the Ice House Cultural Center programs, visit [www.dallasculture.org](http://www.dallasculture.org).

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