



## **Juan Sanchez Juarez**

With his vibrant abstract paintings that combine broad, dynamic brushstrokes and a vivid palate of colors, Juan Sanchez-Juarez describes his work as “a melding of abstract, hard-edge, surrealism and the figurative – to make a statement that goes beyond the pictorial into something more compelling.” Sanchez-Juarez creates paintings and mixed-media works that are at once visually exhilarating and intellectually daring.

Born in Mexico City in 1946, the artist is the great-great grandson of Benito Juarez, President of Mexico from 1861 to 1865. He studied at the Real Academia de San Carlos and has received numerous awards, including First Prize at Concurso Annual de Bellas Artes in Guadalajara.

His work is represented in prestigious collections internationally, including the Museum of Modern Art in Mexico City, Philadelphia Museum of Art and the London Art Institute. Gallery exhibitions include Circle Gallery–Soho-New York, San Diego and New Orleans, where the Mayor presented him with the Key to the City.

Most recently, he was honored by the Consulate of Mexico in Las Vegas and The City of Las Vegas Department of Leisure Services – Cultural Affairs Division, at an exhibition of his paintings and drawings, *Panoramas del Cuerpo* (Landscapes of the Body), at the S<sup>2</sup> Art Center & Atelier in Las Vegas, attended by Mayor Oscar Goodman.

Sanchez-Juarez lives and works in the new Las Vegas Arts District, and also maintains a studio in Mexico, where he sculpts as well as paints. On a recent visit to Mexico City, Sanchez-Juarez was commissioned to create a mural and a series of works on paper in celebration of the city's anniversary.

Says Jack Solomon, Chairman of S<sup>2</sup> Art Group, “Juan Sanchez-Juarez is internationally renowned for his creativity and insights. His works embrace us with their warmth and vibrancy and challenge us with whimsical intrigue.”

