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***Of the Real and Marvelous* opens at Latin American
Contemporary Art Projects**

Charlotte, North Carolina – Latin American Contemporary Art Projects (LaCa) Gallery proudly announces the opening of *Vicente Hernández: Of the Real and Marvelous*.

Of the Real and Marvelous is an exhibition featuring magnificent paintings that weave stories of escape rife with struggle and triumph, the real and the imaginary, the sadness of departure and the excitement of the journey. Hernández paints with inspiration from his harbor hometown of Batabanó, a once-flourishing Caribbean city that is the celestial subject of his work, a place torn apart by the devastating impact of natural and human ravages.

Vicente Hernández believes, “the journey is their challenge, even if this calling stops being an idea that the travelers inherited from past generations.”

Hernández’ works are often featured in prestigious, international art fairs and auction houses. His membership in UNEAC’s Visual Arts Associate has garnered a number of awards and recognitions, including features in two of the most renowned art and culture publications in Cuba. Hernández is also skilled in illustration and engraving and has exhibited extensively in the United States and Latin America in both public institutions and galleries.

Hernández is also currently in residence at the McColl Center for Art & Innovation, which marks a strong collaboration between LaCa Projects and the Center, and is designed to build the region’s cultural relevancy in the arts while exposing the community to contemporary, highly-skilled Latin American artists. These two institutions’ shared vision to support the critical role that art and artists play in bringing about important social change is at the core of this partnership.

An exclusive opening event to celebrate *Of the Real and Marvelous* will take place on Thursday, November 5 from 6-9 p.m. at LaCa Projects Gallery. The celebration will include presentations of Latin American cuisine and music. SPACE IS LIMITED. **Contact Neely Verano at neely@lacaprojects.com or 704.837.1688 for more information and images and to RSVP to the preview.**

Of the Real and Marvelous runs through January 8, 2016. Gallery hours are 10 a.m. – 6 p.m. Tuesday through Friday, 1 p.m. – 5 p.m. Saturday, and by appointment. Visit www.lacaprojects.com, or call 704-837-1688/e-mail info@lacaprojects.com for more information.

About LaCa Projects

Latin American Contemporary Art Projects is a platform dedicated to the presentation, development, and promotion of Latin American Culture within the United States. The gallery encourages cross-cultural dialogue by representing a small group of influential and thought-provoking contemporary, emerging, and mid-career artists, as well as exhibiting a broader range of work by established and Master Latin

American artists. Its adjacent, remodeled warehouse is home to three studios, where artists create, interact with one another, and provide artistic engagement opportunities for the broader community.

LaCa Projects has committed to directing its profits to Latin American social and charitable causes, further reinforcing its mission to promote Latin American culture and contributing to important social change.