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## **Emerging artist's paintings to be displayed in PCC gallery**

**PUEBLO** – The paintings of emerging artist George Sanchez will be on display in Pueblo Community College's art gallery beginning with an opening reception that will take place from 4:30 to 6:30 p.m. Thursday, March 10, including an artist talk at 5 o'clock. The gallery is located in Room 205 of PCC's San Juan Building, and the reception is free and open to the public.

A Trinidad native who now lives in Colorado Springs, Sanchez was influenced to begin painting at an early age by his father, who was an art teacher and respected artist in Northern New Mexico. George began his formal art training in 1971, when he enrolled at what was then the University of Southern Colorado.

Sanchez's paintings have appeared in one- and two-man exhibitions throughout the Southwest. He has works in numerous private and corporate collections and in the permanent collection of the Colorado Springs Fine Arts Center. He teaches at Pikes Peak Community College and the Bemis School of Art at the Colorado Springs Fine Arts Center.

"My art derives from an intense interest in the human condition," he said. "The work is inspired and motivated by what people do, how they behave and how they dress and decorate themselves. These are all things that profoundly affect the way we all appear to each other and ourselves."

The San Juan Building is accessible from the parking lot off Marilyn Street. The exhibit is available for viewing from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. on weekdays through March 31.

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