

# Artists Team Up for Family Festival

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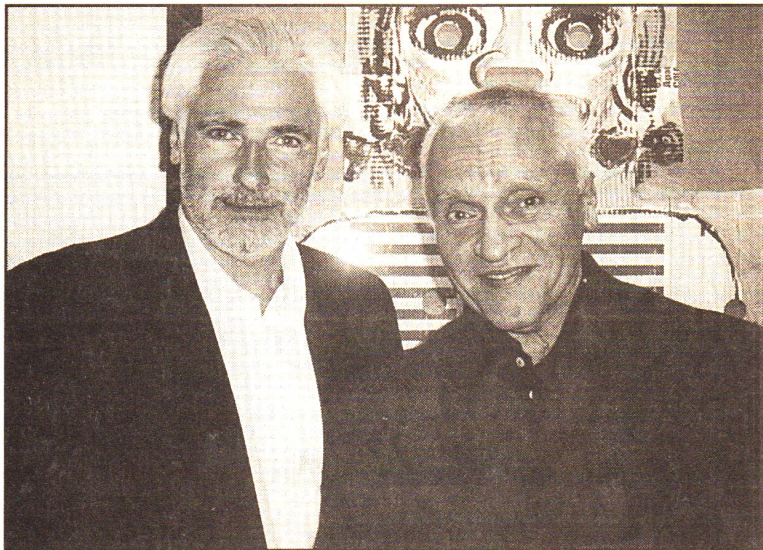
Three well-known artists associated with the Oyster Bay area are teaming up for this year's Latin Family Arts Festival at the Nassau County Museum of Art (NCMA) to be held Sunday, September 22nd from 11 AM to 5 PM. Artist Alexander Kaletski of Dillon Gallery, cartoonist Ernie Colon and Friends Academy's Margaret Lindner bring their unique talents and contributions to this year's festival which celebrates the Latin American culture in conjunction with New York State's Latin month.

## Alexander Kaletski & Dillon Gallery

Valerie Dillon of Dillon Gallery will be presenting a "Cardboard Museum" filled with "Cardboard People," featuring the works of world-renowned artist Alexander Kaletski and local school children. Designed as "a great big children's fun house," the cardboard museum will feature doors, windows and a skylit roof. Kaletski has created this unique exhibit at the Aldrich Museum in Ridgefield, CT, but he is most excited about constructing the cardboard museum at NCMA, where it will be seen by over 6,000 people in a single day. Festival attendees will be able to make their own cardboard person to take home with them. The Cardboard Museum will be a focal point of the Latin Family Arts Festival, placed in the center of the "Plaza" on the Great Lawn of the Museum.

## Ernesto "Ernie" Colon

Ernie Colon, originally from Puerto Rico, has been working as a cartoonist for 45 years drawing "Casper the Friendly Ghost" comic books and "Richie Rich" cartoons for DC, Marvel and other comic companies. Well known in the Oyster Bay community for his volunteerism at East Woods School, Raynham Hall and the Society for the Preservation of Long Island Antiquities, Colon is looking forward to lending his talent and enthusiasm to NCMA. "I think that it is very important for the Museum to demonstrate to people that it is wide open - that it is a people's museum. Everyone should come out to enjoy the art and the beautiful grounds," said Colon, who will be leading two demonstrations for festival attendees



**Artist Alexander Kaletski of Dillon Gallery and Ernesto "Ernie" Colon will be featured artists at NCMA's Latin Family Arts Festival to be held on Sunday, Sept. 22nd. Kaletski will build a "Cardboard Museum" with local school children and Colon will demonstrate the art of cartooning.**

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## Margaret Lindner

Convenor of Fine Arts of Friends Academy in Locust Valley, Margaret Lindner has joined the NCMA Family Arts Festival Committee because she believes that art is the best way to see the connections between diverse groups of people. "The more we learn about other people, the more we understand who we are and the more we are prepared to become citizens of the world," said Lindner, who recently formed a learning partnership between Friends Academy students and the Museum. Lindner will be leading several craft projects at the festival including Mexican masks and God's eyes.

## Art & Entertainment

Children who attend this year's fest will have over 15 tables to learn about the traditional crafts of the Latin America. Sally Shore of Locust Valley will hold ongoing demonstrations of weaving and two Port Washington studios, Dvora and Haven Art will offer projects in ceramic tiles and bowls. The Theodore Roosevelt Bird Sanctuary will bring "Birds of Prey" to the festival, to further emphasize the importance of the natural environment that is so prevalent in Latin art. Families will be able to tour

the critically acclaimed exhibition, "The Latin Century: Beyond the Border" as well as view one of the largest outdoor sculpture gardens on the East Coast. Once again, the Museum will offer all participants the opportunity to work on a 100' mural. This year's theme is "Fiesta" and it will be led by Delsa Camacho from El Museo del Barrio in New York City.

The main stage will provide non-stop entertainment presented by Festive Productions ranging from the Orchestra Fiesta to the Eddie Torres Dancers. Musician and storyteller David Gonzalez will tell "Tales of the Latin World." A food court will be serving dishes from Latin American countries, as well as hot dogs and hamburgers. The Latin Family Arts Festival is sponsored in part by The Roslyn Savings Foundation and The Mexican Cultural Institute of New York. Admission is \$8 for adults, (\$7 for Museum members) and \$5 for children ages 5 and older. The festival will be held rain or shine. The Nassau County Museum of Art is located on Museum Drive, off of Northern Boulevard, two lights west of Glen Cove Road in Roslyn Harbor. For more information, call (516) 484-9338.