

## Arturo Vega retrospective to open at Rauschenberg Gallery on November 4

The Bob Rauschenberg Gallery at the Lee campus Florida SouthWestern State College opens *Empire: An Arturo Vega Retrospective* with a public reception from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m. on Friday, November 4. This ambitious survey runs through December 17 and will include guest lectures, performances and a panel discussion exploring Arturo Vega's broader impact on popular culture and contextualizing his work as a visual artist.

A collaboration with The Arturo Vega Foundation in New York City, *Empire: An Arturo Vega Retrospective* is the late Mexican-born artist's first solo U.S. museum retrospective and features photography, collage and a number of iconic canvases from the artist's *Supermarket* and *Silver Dollar* series (begun in the 1970s), his *Flags* and so-called "word paintings" from *Insults* and other series produced during the 1980s, '90s and aughts.

The reception is free and open to the public. The gallery is open from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Monday through Friday and on Saturdays from 11:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. For more information, please visit <http://www.RauschenbergGallery.com> or telephone 239-489-9313.

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