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## New exhibit celebrates cultural landscape of San Bernardino

SAN BERNARDINO, Calif. –Tom McGovern’s rich photographs of city murals and the vibrant reflections of poet Juan Delgado celebrate the cultural landscape of San Bernardino in an exhibition that runs April 19–July 31 at Cal State San Bernardino’s Robert and Frances Fullerton Museum of Art.

An opening reception for the exhibit will be held Thursday, April 17, at 5 p.m. with a special members-only preview at 4:30 p.m.

“Vital Signs” is an exhibition that focuses on the collaboration between McGovern and Delgado, both CSUSB professors. An acclaimed poet, Juan Delgado teaches in CSUSB’s English department, while accomplished photographer Thomas McGovern teaches in the art department. The photographs and poems displayed in the exhibition can also be viewed in their recently published book of the same name released in fall of 2013.

The exhibition highlights San Bernardino life, art and culture with McGovern’s photographs of hand-painted murals interspersed with Delgado’s writings of a city often stereotyped and overlooked. Together, they serve as a testament to their fondness for San Bernardino and its people.

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Delgado, who was named the 2013 CSUSB Outstanding Professor, is a graduate of CSUSB and holds an M.F.A from the University of California, Irvine, where he was a Regents Fellow. With the publication of "Vital Signs," he has written four books of poetry. McGovern holds an M.F.A. from Cal State Fullerton and also has authored several books, including "Bearing Witness (to AIDS)" and "Hard Boys + Bad Girls."

In conjunction with the exhibition, an artist talk and book signing will be held at the museum on Thursday, April 24, from 3–5 p.m.

**About RAFFMA**

The Robert and Frances Fullerton Museum of Art is a nationally recognized museum accredited by the American Alliance of Museums, a Washington D.C.-based organization whose members must meet the highest standards in securing accreditation. It is the only accredited art museum in San Bernardino.

Over its 16-year history, RAFFMA has accumulated a permanent collection of nearly 1,200 objects focusing on Egyptian antiquities, ceramics and contemporary art. The museum houses the largest permanent and public display of Egyptian art in Southern California.

General admission to the museum is free. Suggested donation is \$5. Parking at Cal State San Bernardino is \$5 per vehicle.

The museum is open Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Saturday from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.; Thursday from 11 a.m. to 7 p.m.; and is closed Friday and Sunday. For more information, call (909) 537-7373 or visit the [RAFFMA website](http://raffma.csusb.edu) at <http://raffma.csusb.edu>.

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