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ART

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Small is big for Christmas

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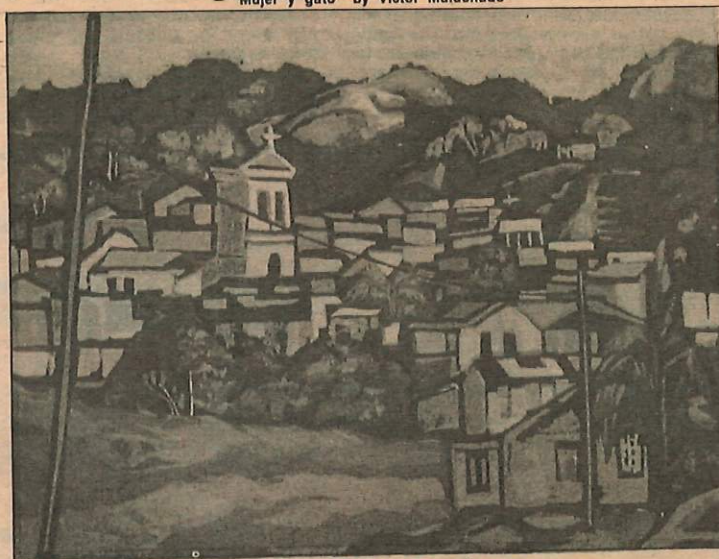
Galeria Coabey on the San Sebastian Street side of the Casa de las Contrafuerzas in Old San Juan is holding a nice collective exhibit of mini-works — graphics and drawings — as if to tempt you into gift-shopping long before Christmas.

I particularly enjoyed a serigraph, "Woman by the Window," by Elizaim Cruz Colon; an aquatint, "Woman with Cat," by Victor Maldonado; the landscape serigraph, "Maricao," by Isabel Bernal; the "poligraphs" by Joaquin Reyes and Julio Santiago's "Virgin" and Rebecca Castrillo's little landscapes.

The exhibition is not only a good idea but interesting to view. Compare Isabel Bernal's poised and solid landscape to the charmingly colored



— "Mujer y gato" by Victor Maldonado



"Maricao" by Isabel Bernal

"Techos" by Omar Quinones with its oriental look. Santiago's "Virgin" shows him to be the only young artist nowadays who seems to date cut directly into the metal. Lorenzo Homar, master in direct metal engraving, should invite him in for some rhythmic sessions with the graver — which, by the way, is a jeweller's tool too.

The Reyes' "Victimario" poligraph is a marvel of economy in its figuration and means. The "victimario" (victim maker) has a cruel look indeed. The poligraph is a Reyes invention which combines frottage, collage, free-impression, free drawing and, if need be, a lick by the kitchen cat.

When I kiddingly called them "monotypes," he insisted that his intention was to get multicopies which actually he does, and through any mixture of medias called for by the particular work. That's quite a goal.

And if the result is as straightforwardly expressive as "Victimario," let's ask for more poligraphs and let the museum directors fight over the proper name for what it is.



"Victimario" by Joaquin Reyes



Serigraph by Elias Cruz Colon

GALLERIES

CARNEGIE EXHIBITION HALL

Carnegie Library Ponce de Leon Ave. Stop 1. Puerta de Tierra. 724-1046. Open Mon. to Fri. 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. Sat. 9 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.

CASA DEL LIBRO

255 Calle del Cristo 723-0354. Open Mon. to Fri. 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Sat. 2 to 5 p.m.

EL TRAPICHE GALLERY

200 Cristo St. San Juan. Open Mon. to Sat. 10 to 12 and 1 to 4 Sunday 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Carved wooden birds by Elpidio Collazo.

GALERIA BOTELLO

208 Cristo St. 723-9987 Prints, painting and sculpture, mostly by Puerto Rican artists.

GALERIA COABEY

La Casa de las contrafuerzas, Calle San Sebastian. Current Exhibition: Small paintings and drawings of well-known artists.

GALERIA CONDADO

Convention Center. Open 11-7 every day. 723-6090 Ext. 1632 Exhibition of work by local

artists. Current show: Photographs by Jochi Melero

GALERIA FOTOGRAFIA PL 900

Ponce de Leon 900, Santurce. Ponce de Leon 900, Santurce. 725-2617 open 9-5 daily except Tuesday and Wednesday. Current show: Photos by Maria Martinez Canas and Jorge Garcia Garcia

GALERIA LA CALETA

70 Caleta de San Juan, Old San Juan. 723-6627. Paintings and prints by proprietor Luis Cajigas, ceramics, graphics and sculpture.

GALERIA MARIA RECHANY

Magdalena 1363. Open 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. Mon. to Sat. 725-4828. Paintings, and prints by Puerto Rican artists.

GALERIA OLLER

Calle Escorial 368, Caparra Hts. 782-3171. Open Tues to Thurs. 11 a.m. to 6 p.m.; Fri. 2-9; Sat. 9-2. Paintings and Graphics by Puerto Rican artists.

HISTORICAL MUSEUM OF PUERTO RICO

1396 Goergetti, Santurce. Mon. to Fri. 9 to 4. A summary of history of P.R. in antique objects.

INTERAMERICAN UNIVERSITY MUSEUM

IAU, San German, Beverly Student Center. Current show: Jewelry by Peter Aylen and Judith Connair.

Interamerican University San Juan. Hato Rey Library. Collective Show of Myrna Rodriguez, Lope May Diaz, E. Alvarez, Luis De Jesus, Luis Flores, Juan David Cupeles.

MANOS

Convention Center, Condado. Contemporary ceramics by the Caparra Studio. Current show: Ceramics by Balossi

MUSEO DE BELLAS ARTES

Instituto de Cultura 253 Cristo St. 723-2320. Open every day 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. Oil, prints and graphics. Current show: Works by Angel Pepin.

MUSEO DE LA ESCUELA DE ARTES PLASTICAS

El Morro Grounds. Mon. to Fri. 8 to 5. Sat. 2 to 5. Exhibit by Silk Screen Workshop students.

MUSEO DE LA FUNDACION

Behind Tapia Theater, Plaza Colon 725-5962. Open 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Closed Mon. Indian Artifacts and sculpture. Current show: Photographs, "Petroglifos de Borinquen by Oscar Mendez Caratini.

MUSEO DEL GRABADO LATINOAMERICANO

Casa de los Contrafuerzas. 101 San Sebastian St., Plaza San Jose second floor. Open every day from 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. Current show: Works from the Institute's silkscreen workshops.

MUSEO DEL CONVENTO DE SANTO DOMINGO

Instituto de Cultura. Open every day 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. Corner Cristo and Norzagaray, Plaza San Jose, 724-0700, 724-0702.

PONCE MUSEUM OF ART

as Americas Ave. 842-6215. Open Wed. to Sat. 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Sun. 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Mon. 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Current show: Silkscreens, collages, and drawings by Osvaldo Garcia.

UPR MUSEUM

764-0000, Ext. 2452 or 2456. Open daily from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. weekdays; 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday and Sundays, 10 to 5.