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**Solana Fine Art Welcomes Carlos Gamez de Francisco**

*A Cuban-born artist whose work transforms lived history into expressions of freedom, resilience, and joy*

**Winter Park, FL — January 20, 2026** — Solana Fine Art is proud to announce the addition of artist **Carlos Gamez de Francisco** to its roster. Born and raised in Cuba, Gamez de Francisco brings a powerful and deeply personal body of work shaped by lived experience, cultural restriction, and the transformative power of artistic freedom.

Growing up in an environment where music, speech, and creative expression were heavily censored, Gamez de Francisco learned early that art could serve as both refuge and resistance. In a world where even listening to forbidden music or possessing foreign currency carried risk, images became his voice. Painting evolved into a private language—one that allowed him to express ideas and emotions that could not be spoken aloud.

“Art became my language of freedom,” says Gamez de Francisco. “Through images and symbols, I could invent new realities and say what words could not.”

At the age of fifteen, his commitment to art took root despite extreme material limitations. Lacking traditional supplies, he improvised—mixing watercolor with toothpaste, using diesel oil in place of linseed oil, and painting on household materials. These constraints did not hinder his creativity; instead, they forged a practice grounded in ingenuity, perseverance, and fearless experimentation.

Today, after more than fifteen years in the United States, Gamez de Francisco works across a wide range of media, including watercolor, ink, painting on wood, wool-felting, and large-scale wall works. His contemporary practice embraces abundance without forgetting scarcity, celebrating art as an act of survival, joy, and liberation.

“Carlos’s work is both deeply human and profoundly joyful,” says **Bob Jimenez, founder and gallerist of Solana Fine Art**. “There is an incredible sense of freedom in his work—freedom earned, not assumed. His story, his materials, and his spirit align beautifully with our gallery’s belief in art as a vital, expressive force.”

Gamez de Francisco’s work invites viewers to reflect on resilience, imagination, and the revolutionary act of creating—even under the most restrictive circumstances. His pieces radiate a sense of play, experimentation, and optimism, reminding us that creativity has no borders and that joy itself can be an act of defiance.

Carlos Gamez de Francisco’s work is now on view at Solana Fine Art.

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#### **About Solana Fine Art**

Located in the heart of Winter Park, Solana Fine Art is dedicated to showcasing exceptional contemporary fine art. The gallery celebrates artistic expression across diverse media and perspectives, connecting collectors and the community with remarkable works that inspire, challenge, and endure.

For more information, visit [solanafineart.com](http://solanafineart.com) or stop by the gallery at **1104 Solana Avenue, Winter Park, FL**.

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