



## **Reception for The Gershman Collection Exhibit February 21, 2012**

Los Angeles City College announces an important exhibit in its Da Vinci Art Gallery of 35 selected works from a collection donated recently to the College and its Art Department by Larry Gershman and Anita Joy First. The collection contains more than 70 paintings, sculptures, prints and drawings of contemporary European and American artists. The reception is Tuesday, February 21, 2012, from 6:00 to 8:00 P.M. at the Da Vinci Gallery on the Los Angeles City College campus.

Mr. Gershman is an attorney and producer with 29 feature films to his credit. In addition, he has served as Chairman of the International Emmy awards. Ms. First is a noted Hollywood entertainment attorney who represents authors, actors, producers and directors. She has served as President and Chief Operating Officer of World International Network. They amassed the collection over many years on two continents, from both private galleries and individual artists. The collection is appraised conservatively at nearly \$140,000.

Among the artists to be displayed are Spanish Abstract Expressionist Teofilo Barqueño; American atmospheric painter Neal Brown; Italian figurative sculptor Angela Nocentini; Santa Fe artist Thia Nevius, known for her set paintings for the Santa Fe Opera; sculptor Helen Rinke, whose assemblage and mixed media works suggest her personal dream world and Andrew Lakey whose famous "Angel" series are in the collection of The Vatican, President Jimmy Carter and Prince Albert of Monaco, among many others.

The Gershman exhibition opened on February 6, 2012. Collectors will be able to purchase works from the exhibit and the proceeds will fund two art scholarships in the names of the donors. For those interested in the work for sale and/or in contributing to the Art Scholarship fund, please visit the LACC Art Department website.

If you plan to attend the reception on February 21, please R.S.V.P. to Juana Guerra at 323.953.4011 or by e-mail [guerraj@lacitycollege.edu](mailto:guerraj@lacitycollege.edu) by February 17. Light refreshments will be served.

The exhibit will run for four weeks. Gallery hours are from 12:00 to 3:00 P.M., Monday through Thursday.