

Mars Artspace: Mexican/American Print Series Lithographs

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"Desert Landscape Maintenance"
by Frank Ybarra, 2000

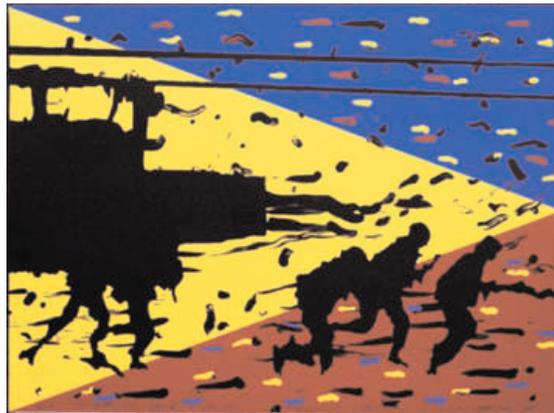


"Untitled" by Alfredo Arreguin

Prints by artists Frank Ybarra, Rupert Garcia, Alfredo Arreguin, Cesar A. Martinez, Dolores Guerrero-Cruz and Patssi Valdez are part of the Movimiento Artístico del Río Salado, Inc. (MARS), founded in 1978 as an artist-run, non-profit art space to bring before the public artworks by Arizona and Mexican/American/Chicano visual, performing and literary artists.

The group of prints on display were received as a gift to the city of Tempe from Movimiento del Río Salado, Inc., and is now a part of the city's portable works collection.

MARS Artspace opened in 1981 in the Central Phoenix barrio with a grant from the Arizona Commission on the Arts. Subsequently, MARS Artspace moved to a more centrally located area, forming a bridge between the barrio and the rest of the valley art community where it served as a resource center for artists and residents, a cultural center for Phoenix and a vehicle for building networks of artistic interest. MARS Artspace closed its doors in 2001, but still exists as a cyber art space.



"Untitled" by Rupert Garcia



"Untitled" by Dolores Guerrero-Cruz



"The Cactus Queen" by Patssi Valdez, 1992