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El Barrio Restaurant to present a major collection of work by Vancouver artist Marta Chojnacka

VANCOUVER, British Columbia – *Marta Chojnacka: RAW*, a solo exhibition of work by the artist is on view at Vancouver's El Barrio Restaurant between December 1, 2010 and January 31, 2011. The collection will include twenty works painted by the Vancouver artist between 2008 and 2010.

RAW will constitute of three distinctive collections painted by Chojnacka. *The Stages of Lines*, abstract-surrealistic paintings, reflects on the artist's life journey and moments which represent happiness, sadness, love, loneliness, friendship and heartbreak. *The Corazon Series*, a collection of twelve paintings that are emotionally attached to the mind, heart and physical subconscious being of the artist and to everyone that takes the opportunity to be part of them. The colours are the symbols of emotional dilemmas that arose during the painting production and relate directly to how people live in this world. *The Green Series*, inspired by the artist's time in Costa Rica, depicts a combination of nature and isolation images, reflecting on human's connection to nature during a meditative state. Chojnacka's artistic maturity is clearly depicted in all the images.

In correlation with the World AIDS Day, raffle tickets are to be sold between November 24, 2010 and January 28, 2010 for a chance to win a one of a kind painting by the artist and a dinner for two at El Barrio. The draw will take place on January 28, 2010 at El Barrio Restaurant. Tickets are 1 for \$5 or 3 for \$10. All proceeds from the raffle sales will be donated to **Dr. Peter AIDS Foundation** (www.drpeter.org).

Chojnacka was born in Poland and grew up in Spain, finally settling in Vancouver in 1992. After graduating from UBC Studio Fine Arts Faculty in 2003 and completing the Fine Arts and New Media Bachelor of Education in 2004, Chojnacka began teaching Art Foundations and Media Photography at a local private high school. She is a dedicated educator that encourages her students to pursue their passion of art while continuing evolving as an artist herself. To view the artist's paintings, please visit <http://mchojnacka.weebly.com>.

Opening reception for *RAW* will take place on December 1, 2010 between 6pm –10pm at the El Barrio restaurant, located 2270 East Hastings Street in Vancouver. The exhibit will last through January 31, 2011. For more information or to purchase raffle tickets, please contact Marta Chojnacka at martita36@hotmail.com or by calling 604.779.7351.

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