

*An Unfinished Conversation: Collecting Enrique Martínez Celaya*  
Boca Raton Museum of Art  
November 17, 2009 - January 10, 2010

Opening Exhibition Week Schedule:

Monday, November 16, 2009  
6:00-8:00 pm: Patrons' Opening

Tuesday, November 17, 2009  
6:00-8:00 pm: Members' Opening

Friday, November 20, 2009  
10:30 am-1:30 pm: Collectors' Forum Gallery Talk & Luncheon

Saturday, November 21, 2009  
2:00 pm: Gallery Talk



ENRIQUE MARTINEZ CELAYA  
*The Imitator*, 2007, watercolor on paper,  
33 ½ x 24 ½ inches

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Drawn from the private collection of filmmaker Martin Brest, this exhibition of 19 enigmatic works by Enrique Martínez Celaya reveals the artist's complex cross-disciplinary approach to art-making while it explores themes such as Memory, Witness, Voyage, Exile, Isolation, Loneliness, and Coming of Age as threaded throughout the artist's body of work. Dated between 2001 and 2007, the works by Martínez Celaya represent in many ways an unfinished conversation.

Each of the 19 works - ranging from monumental paintings to delicate watercolors and one bronze - have special meaning to both the artist and the collector, and each elicits a very personal dialogue between artist and viewer.

Martínez Celaya's works have drawn comparisons outside the visual arts to the writings of Paul Celan and José Saramago and the philosophy of Ludwig Wittgenstein. Since his first show in 1995, his paintings, photographs and sculptures have attracted international attention. In keeping with his characteristically spare and poetic aesthetic, his canvases are restrained in subject matter yet rich in emotional and spiritual content, employing a distinctively iconographic vocabulary of mythic human and animal forms. Humble and poetic - painted in ethereal washes of watercolor and ink or oil, emulsified tar and wax - the phenomenological and spiritual themes of Martínez Celaya's work emerge slowly.

This exhibition has been organized by the Boca Raton Museum of Art and will be accompanied by a fully illustrated catalogue.

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