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### **Rufino Tamayo: *Centennial Celebration***

The Remba Gallery is pleased to present an exhibition of graphic work by Rufino Tamayo. The exhibition will take place at the Remba Gallery at 462 N. Robertson Blvd., West Hollywood from February 27 to April 10. An opening reception will be held on Saturday February 27 from 6-9 P.M.

Internationally recognized as a gifted modern master, Tamayo was born a full-blooded Zapotec Indian in the Mexican State of Oaxaca in 1899. His love of the Mexican people had enabled him to bring the indigenous culture to the international world. Today, his paintings can be seen in museums and private collections all over the world.

Tamayo had resisted the pressure to follow nationalist principles dominating Mexican art after the revolution, and came to the U.S. to escape the limitations placed on Mexican painting at the time. As mentioned by Nobel Prize Winner Octavio Paz, "he radically changed Mexican painting, liberating it from academic superficiality and the revolutionary (rhetoric) of the muralists."

Lithography, etching, and especially Mixografia afforded Tamayo solutions where he integrated the physical properties of different materials into his art. His interests took him to develop tactile as well as morphological aspects that provoke a number of sensitive reactions.

The Mixografia on which, Rufino Tamayo and Luis Remba collaborated since 1973, is a printing process which builds texture and applies a three dimensional line to the artwork. Tamayo called this process a "sensational innovation". Through the simplicity of paper, Tamayo was capable of carrying the viewer into his magical world.

One of the great milestones in his graphic art is the Mixografia called "Dos Personajes Atacados por Perros" (Two Characters Attacked by Dogs). Reaching 8' x 5', its figurative representation, structure and fine colors combine to create a piece rich in meaning and form of expression.

Gallery hours are Tuesday through Friday, 10:00 a.m. to 5:30 p.m., Saturday 11:00 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. and by appointment.