

CRISTINA SANTANDER

OPENING RECEPTION

JUNE 7TH 6-8PM

Exhibition June 7 to 28 from 11am to 5pm



Renowned Argentine artist, Cristina Santander's, inaugural New York City exhibition is an enormous success! A number of pieces were sold at the opening reception and the buzz generated by Thursday's fete has lead to dozens of inquiries by interested collectors.

This event is also celebrates the US premier of "Arte para Usar" (Useable Art). In 2005, Argentine designer Bettina West teamed up with Santander to create a line of tabletop and accessory products that can be customized for the individual buyer. Santander created original artwork for each letter of the alphabet in both masculine and feminine forms. West designed the line and oversees the incorporation of the artwork into the products via printing, embroidery or stamping.

This "Arte para Usar" collaboration, titled "Abecedario" (alphabet) previewed to the public in the Fall of 2005. It was featured prominently at the "hippie-chic home-and-fashion emporium, Cat Ballou"* on Alvear Avenue in Buenos Aires during ArtWeek 2005.

The products are currently being shown during the exhibition at the Consulate and are now offered commercially in the United States for the very first time.

For information on this exclusive and unique line that blends fine art and function, please contact Laura Gregor, lgregor2003@yahoo.com (212/600-1848), or Bettina West, Bettina@bettinawest.com.



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AWARDS

1968: 1st. Award, International Biennial of Art, Ibiza; 1977: Manzanares El Real Award, 1982: Honor Mention, International Print Biennial, Julio Nieto Nespereida Award, Orense , Galicia , 1997: Mention, Lima , Peru , Art Biennial. Argentine: 1969: Great Award, Municipal Annual Exhibition M.Belgrano; 1st. Award, La Plata Town Annual Exhibition; 1970: 1st. Award, Swift Annual Exhibition, Modern Art Museum; 1973: Award Nation Parliament, National Exhibition of Drawing; 1975: 1st. Award, Bols Biennial Exhibition, Museum of Modern Art; 1980: 1st. Award: Santa Fe Town Annual Exhibition; 1981: 10 Distintive Youngs, Junior Chamber of Buenos Aires; 1982: Great Award of Honour, National Annual Exhibition of Etching; 1988: 1st Award, Resistencia Town Annual Exhibition of Etching; 1989: May Bank Award, National Annual Exhibition of Painting; 1992; 1993: Award Biennial of Etching "G. Facio Hebequer", Argentine Academy of Fine Arts.

MUSEUMS AND COLLECTIONS

Contemporary Art, Madrid; Contemporary Art, Ibiza; Modern Art, Asuncion, Paraguay, El Cairo: Egypt, Printing Art Institute, Oaxaca, Mexique; in Argentine: Coronel Pringles Town; Resistencia Town; in The Dickinson State College, North Dakota, EEUU; Paris National Library; Madrid National Library; Puertorrique Culture Institute; Cordoba Contemporary Art Center, Argentine; Kanagawa Prefectural Gallery, Japan; Benson & Hedges Collection, InInternational Development Bank; Iberia; S.M. Queen of Spain, Khumo Museum, Seoul, Korea, Korean Embassy, Bs.As., Argentine.

One man shows in Argentine, Bolivia, Ecuador, EEUU, France, Germany, Italy, Ivory Coast Japan, Korea, Mexique, Paraguay, Puerto Rico, Spain, Sweden, Uruguay and Venezuela.

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BETTINA WEST

Bettina West is an award-winning designer with more than 30 years experience developing unique items (accessories, table top and jewelry) through collaboration with artists and craftsmen that demonstrate the beauty and legacy of the Argentine culture. She launched Arte para Usar (Art for Use) to help showcase famous contemporary artists. Products are distributed and sold internationally through boutiques, galleries and art events. Bettina also creates and designs corporate gifts.

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