**“The Art of the Self-Portrait”**

***Thursday, March 23, 6:30-8:30 pm Fireside Room, BC Main Campus***

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Los Angeles-based artist, [***Crystal Galindo***](http://www.crystalgalindo.com/), whose artistry emphasizes the Chicana experience & body-type exploration, focusing on "celebrating diversity and power in *cultura*", will present techniques & theories related to the art of the self-portrait.

“Inspired by the lack of representation of women of color in the media, Crystal’s work spotlights Xicanas in a positive, realistic light. Her work analyzes the many facets of Chicana women, celebrating the diversity and power in *cultura.* Crystal’s current series is a reflection of a change in paradigm, displaying a visually vast array of friends, family and fellow *artistas*, who boldly confront their viewer amid imaginative design and Mesoamerican iconography. The use of larger than life portraits amid bold colors creates a presence that cannot be ignored.”

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