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**Nationally Known Oregon Artist,
Cristina Acosta, Represented by High Desert
Gallery & Custom Framing of Central Oregon.**

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Bend, Oregon -- March, 18, 2008. High Desert Gallery & Custom Framing of Central Oregon is proud to announce the signing of a representation agreement with Nationally known Oregon Artist, Cristina Acosta. Cristina's original paintings and fine art hand embellished giclee prints are available for sale in High Desert Gallery's Redmond and Sisters Oregon fine art and custom framing galleries.

Cristina's career has included: A two-year stint as a billboard mural and lettering artist. Five years teaching college art classes. Nine years as an artisan tile designer & production artist for her nationally distributed signature line of ceramic tile during the 1990's, life long love of the arts and more.

Her artistry is featured in a variety of books and magazines, including her successful art book, *Paint Happy!* (North Light Books, ©2002,2004). She illustrated the children's book, *When Woman Became the Sea* (Beyond Words Pub., ©1998) and contributed to many other books and periodicals including *Artist Magazine*, *Pure Inspiration*, *Better Homes and Gardens*, *House Beautiful*, *Latina* magazine, *Latina Style*, *Good Housekeeping*, and *Woman's Day* home design publications.



Cristina continually paints and writes from her studio at her home in the rain-shadow of the Cascade Mountains. She creates three distinct series of paintings: *Paint Happy* series, *Hispanic Heritage* series (*Madonnas*) and her oils including her *Animal Spirit* series. Despite the different styles, her work is typified by her lush use of color, dynamic design and the presence of joy.

Museums, galleries and collectors nationwide collect and exhibit her work.

Cristina's work is available for sale at High Desert Gallery's Fine Art Gallery in Redmond and Sisters Oregon. For more information on the artist and to purchase on line visit: www.highdesertgallery.com or call toll free 1-866-549-6250. High Desert Gallery is honored to exclusively represent Cristina Acosta in Central Oregon.

About High Desert Gallery: High Desert Gallery & Custom Framing, The Art & Soul of Central Oregon™ is an award winning fine art and custom picture framing gallery with retail locations in Bend, Oregon (Opening December 2008), Redmond and Sisters Oregon specializing in Central Oregon Artists & Beyond™ and Stellar Custom Framing. High Desert Gallery honored in 2005, 2006 and 2007 by *Decor Magazine* as a "Top 100 Art and Frame Gallery in America" and voted "Best Art Gallery" in Redmond, Oregon (2006 & 2007) and Sisters, Oregon (2005, 2006). In February 2008, High Desert Gallery was awarded Top Honors in the Professional Picture Framing Association 2007-2008 International Open Framing Competition. For more information please visit: www.highdesertgallery.com or call toll free 1-866-549-6250. High Desert Gallery & Custom Framing of Central Oregon content copyright 2008. The Art & Soul of Central Oregon™ and Central Oregon Artists & Beyond™ are trademarks of High Desert Gallery & Custom Framing of Central Oregon.

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