



PORT "LIMÓN"
PAINTINGS by
LEONE/ GONZÁLEZ.

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THE GIRLS FROM HONE CREEK 77" by 73" ACRYLIC ON CANVAS

González paints images from the life of Limón, Costa Rica's principal Caribbean port. It seems to be an easy life, tropical and ripe with color and dance. The figures are reduced to thick black silhouettes where the turbulence of the brushstroke is engulfed in a shadow that has become flesh. These figures stand at verandas against a splendor of colors, neither possessing them nor eclipsing them. They are overtaken if not fully embraced by the design. Without any recourse to the anecdotes of poverty, González has managed to create wonderfully ambiguous images, both lush and unsettling. González's eye for pattern, line and color is unequalled in Costa Rican art.

Ricardo Pau-Llosa

LEONEL GONZALEZ
(September 1962-Heredia, Costa Rica)

1989
Participation in Triangle Artists workshop with the British Sculptor, Sir Anthony Caro, Pine Plains, N.Y. USA, summer, 1989.
1983-1985

Painting Studies at Zurich Art Academy of Moscow, U.S.S.R.

INDIVIDUAL EXHIBITIONS

1990

The Latin American Arts Association, London England, "PORT LIMON"
(March 20, 1990)

1988

Sophia Wanamaker Gallery, Costa Rica-North American Cultural Center, Costa Rica, "Coast and Sun", (April 18-May 13)

1987

Jorge Debravo Gallery, Costa Rican Art Museum, Costa Rica.

"Emerging Artists" (June 11-July)

1986

2000 Gallery, San Jose, Costa Rica. "Mixed Techniques by Leonel González (September 4-October 30)

COLLECTIVE EXHIBITION

1990

American Express Exhibition, Dade Community College, Arte Gallery, Miami Fla. (March-April)

1989

Museo de Arte Moderno "11 Biennial Cuenca", Ecuador (June-August) LAZ, Gallery LAZ, Gallery, San Francisco, California,

USA. (September-October) Mashomack Club

"Triangle Artists Workshop", Pine Plains, N.Y. USA. (July)

"Process of Change: Young Costa Rican painters"

OAS Latin American Contemporary Art Museum, Washington D.C. USA (October 27-November 27)

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