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#### **FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE**

#### **Los Angeles Southwest College to present “Chercher Jambalaya” by Larry Johnson**

Exhibition from Feb. 13 to March 10 will be in college’s Art Gallery and part of college’s alumni series

The Los Angeles Southwest College Art Department will present “Chercher Jambalaya,” a solo exhibition by Larry Johnson, from Feb. 13 to March 10 in the college’s Art Gallery. An opening reception will be 5-7 p.m. Feb. 16.

The Los Angeles-based artist has an eclectic painting style that gives a strong sense of movement and energy that is beautifully contrasted with the intimacy of the figures in his works. His portraits are juxtaposed with imagery that reflects socially conscious historic and contemporary issues.

“Just like jambalaya needs the foundation of rice, the substantive properties of chicken and sausage (or whatever fortune has bestowed upon you), a healthy portion of greens on the side, and mouth-watering blend of spice, I approach my work with acquired academic principles, rhythm, technique, harmony, history, rhyme and feeling,” Johnson said. “Also, like the challenge of perfecting jambalaya, one finds that the recipe is subjective, colloquial, evolving and always changing.”

After serving in the Navy and as a French linguist, Johnson attended Los Angeles Southwest College prior to transferring to University of Southern California’s Roski School of Art and Design, where he graduated from in 2016.

Johnson’s show is the first of a series in LASC’s Art Gallery that will highlight works by alumni who have gone on to pursue a career in visual art. The series will allow alumni to give back to LASC by sharing their work and educating and inspiring current students. The Art Gallery is on the second floor of the Cox Building and open from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Tuesdays through Fridays or by appointment.

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#### **About Los Angeles Southwest College**

Founded in 1967, Los Angeles Southwest College serves more than 8,000 students with associate degree programs in 34 disciplines, occupational certificates in 47 disciplines, community services and ESL/citizenship classes. Coupled with a strong focus on student success, the campus has undergone a massive expansion and technological upgrade that will make it a model for community college education in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century. Los Angeles Southwest College is part of the Los Angeles Community College District. For more information, visit [www.lasc.edu](http://www.lasc.edu).