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**Alfa Art Gallery presents "Escapes" by Ixrael**

*Alfa Art Gallery is proud to present "Escapes" - a series of oil and acrylic on canvas, woodcuts by Ixrael, October 17 - November 4, 2008*

NEW BRUNSWICK, NJ, October 15, 2008 **/24-7PressRelease/** -- Ixrael, a Mexican born Contemporary artist, began his career in Mexico's National School of Fine Arts San Carlos in Xochimilco, and in 1993 he emigrated to the United States to further his artistic career. Ixrael's work has been exhibited in solo and group exhibitions in various galleries, museums and universities in California, Arizona, Washington, Mexico, Puerto Rico, Indiana and New York. His brilliant uses of color, lighting, Mexican printmaking tradition, and the incorporation of diverse artistic disciplines passionately express his ever-growing complex artistic abilities, while his work permeates the soulful joys of his encounters with different cultures. His work, illustrating his fervor for life, is both inspiring and motivating, and has captured public admiration. His exhibition entitled Interior Conversation presented at the Galería Am rica McKenna Hall at the University of Notre Dame in South Bend, Indiana was a success, and in New York Ixrael was the honorary recipient of the Bronx Museum of the Arts Action Lab Grant and the Puffin Foundation Grant. Ixrael lived in Los Angeles for many years, but now resides in New York City.

"My art is based on the interaction between the subjective and the objective. Always seeking references and revelations that encompass the things in my own environment while allowing images, forms, signs and symbols to emanate from within. I transcend between the abstract, the figurative and the conceptual, a process I dare called "Dis-Figuration". I use different media and techniques, keeping in mind and most importantly, offering the observer a freedom of interpretation - to find meaning in the suggested message as if it were a metaphor to communicate ideas and emotions..." Ixrael

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