



PAINTINGS BY RAUL MIER

Reception: Friday, October 7, 2011 at 5:00 p.m.

Free Admission

Exhibit remains through November 13

Gualala Arts Center, Elaine Jacob Foyer

Gualala Arts presents an exhibit of the oil paintings of Raul Mier in the Elaine Jacob Foyer from the opening Friday, October 7, from 5:00 to 7:00 p.m. through November 13, 2011.

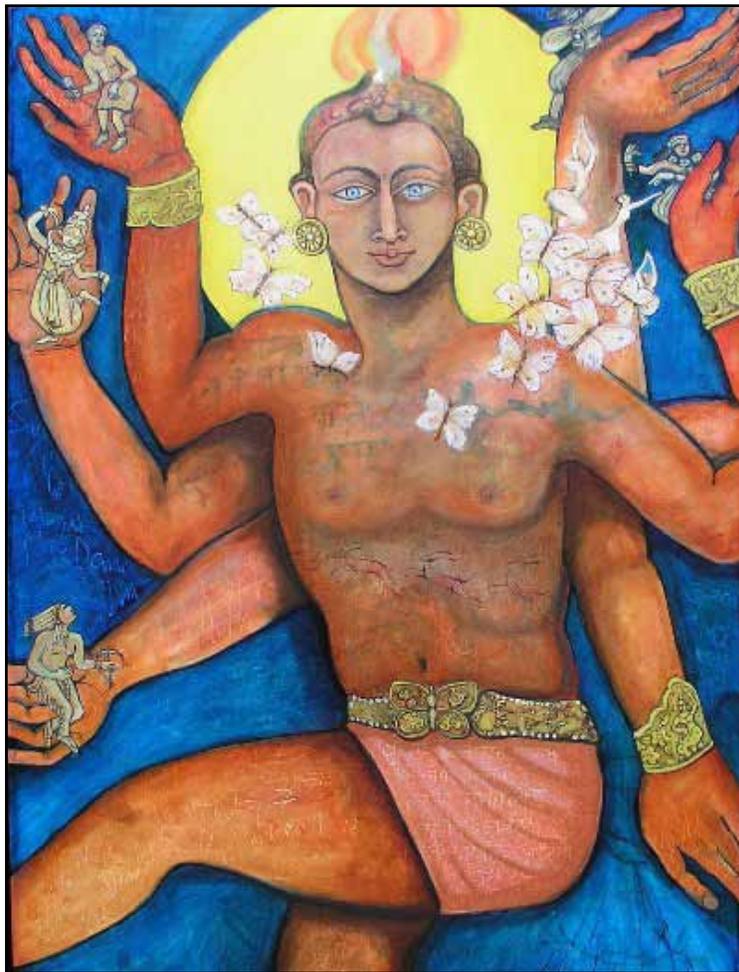
Raul Mier was born in Havana, Cuba. During his formative years he enjoyed the benefits of the rich cultural life of that cosmopolitan city. After the Cuban revolution he emigrated to New Orleans where he developed his interest in the arts.

Mier has lived much of his adult life in California, where he has a studio in the coastal redwood forest of Sonoma County. It is here that he has tapped into the powerful richness of nature, and the wealth of imagery that it evokes.

Mier's work is a plea for the preservation of the species, the continuation of human cultures, and the responsibility for each individual to safeguard and transmit values, beauty and resources to subsequent generations.

His message is conveyed by the use of ancient cultural icons, borrowed from various spiritual traditions

which have touched his life. These depictions are then intermingled with portrayals of the flora and fauna which abound around his studio.



As the people of the world come ever closer through technological advances, Mier feels it is his calling as an artist to remind others of our commonality and interdependence. By using imagery that evokes many cultural traditions, he helps to bring home to all that no matter what our religious, ethnic, or socioeconomic background, the survival of humanity, culture and the environment lies in our hands.

Raul Mier's paintings have been exhibited in Louisiana, Spain and California. His painting "Natarajah" is displayed in the permanent collection of the Museo de la Danza (Museum of the Dance) in Havana. His work is

included in private collections in the United States, Canada and Spain.

For more information, visit

www.RaulMier.com