

# SPOTLIGHT on ARTISTS

**Gus Ocamposilva** is the recipient of Clearwater Cultural Affairs Artist Recognition Award of the Quarter.

Columbian native Gus Ocamposilva, now makes his home in Clearwater with his wife and manager, Lina. Trained as a muralist in Spain, he currently works in a variety of two- and three-dimensional mediums. According to the artist, his works

are a reflection of his experiences in the world in which he was raised: the Andes and the tropics. Inspired by the diversity of life and color in the tropics, he translates his experience into vibrantly colored canvases that explore the human figure. Ocamposilva states that he "cannot imagine a world without colors, without the magic, the poetry and landscape of the human body."

His bold use of paint, texture and line create abstractions of the figure that make each color seem to be its own painting. He states that he wishes to show, in all his works, "the sensibility of the human spirit; exploring through the abstraction, the shapes of the human body, the fusion of the colors, the sensuality, the exuberance for life and the tonal charm with powerful and expressive colors and forms."



The works of Mr. Ocamposilva have been shown in Germany, Spain, Colombia, Canada and the U.S. He has been the recipient of numerous awards and exhibits throughout the United States and Europe.

Gus Ocamposilva's paintings are being displayed at Clearwater City Hall during the month of January 2008. ❖

