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ROCÍO RODRÍGUEZ- Divergent Fictions: A Selection of Works from 1988 – 2012
Exhibition Open



Columbus, GA- The *ROCÍO RODRÍGUEZ - Divergent Fictions: A Selection of Works from 1988 – 2012* exhibition will be on display through November 4, 2012 in the Third Floor Galleries. This exciting exhibition will celebrate twenty-five years of work by Rocio Rodriguez, an important contemporary, Atlanta-based artist. The exhibition is extensive, featuring twenty-five paintings and thirty-one works on paper.

Rodriguez's works reflect on universal themes referencing the opposing forces of nature, beauty, war, conflict, and pain. She transforms these forces suggesting a world where nothing is fixed and everything is in the process of becoming. This new "reality" is at once organic and mechanical, graphic, and painterly, creating a whole that is based on all fictions and possibilities. The monumental images surround the viewer; sometimes caressing, sometimes hammering the message home.

Rodríguez came to the United States from Cuba, in 1961, when she was nine years old. As exiles, her family maintained strong emotional attachment to their language and memories. In America, Rodriguez learned to navigate between two cultures and through this experience began to view the world with a unique perspective. This duality serves as the philosophical framework from which much of her work has grown.

As an American art and regional history museum, and the second largest general museum in Georgia, the Columbus Museum offers a diverse collection to the public. The Museum houses over 14,000 artifacts and objects that tell the story of the Chattahoochee River Valley's development, an American fine art collection from a host of renowned American artists, a hands-on gallery for children, and the finest traveling exhibitions from across the U.S.

For more information about the Columbus Museum or the *ROCÍO RODRÍGUEZ- Divergent Fictions* exhibition and the educational programming associated with the exhibit, please visit www.columbusmuseum.com.

* *Axis Mundi*, 2009, oil on canvas, Rocio Rodriguez