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AN ARTIST AND HIS DREAM

On Friday, October 24th from 5pm to 9pm, Jose Rios will host the opening reception to "Journey Back to Mi Isla" in his Studio at 3439 Knox Place, Bronx, New York. In his farewell show, "Journey Back to Mi Isla", Rios displays original unsold works of art to benefit his life long dream. The show will continue October 25th and 26th from 2pm to 6pm.

After almost 60 years in New York, Jose Rios returns to his birthplace, Puerto Rico. Rios always dreamed of opening an art retreat in Puerto Rico. He envision a home on the side of a mountain where artists could gather and connect with their visual surroundings intimately and create works of art inspired by the amazing views as well as the dynamic culture. This unique environment would set the tone for collaboration, growth and experience-based learning. The artwork created would express a newfound understanding and familiarity with the Puerto Rican island, its people, and traditions.

Rios is set to embark on this journey back to his island in 2015 and must say goodbye to each piece of art he created while he's been here. Since coming to New York at the age of 2, Rios has lived a life filled with a passion for his self-taught talent. Each original work of art will be sold at a discounted rate and fund his dream. Rios explains, "Journey Back to Mi Isla" was created organically out of a need to support my dream as well as provide an opportunity for my supporters to own a piece of work and invest in my dream."

For a sneak peak at the "Journey Back to Mi Isla" collection or purchase a piece before the live showing, guest are invited to Rios' online Gallery at www.joserios.com beginning week of October 20th 2014.

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