

STEAMBOAT ART MUSEUM

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The fourth presentation by the Steamboat Art Museum, **Martha Chapa Exhibition**, opens Friday, September 14 at 807 Lincoln Avenue in Steamboat Springs. An opening reception is set for Friday evening September 14, from 5 to 8 p.m. The exhibition will run until November 9, 2007.

The exhibition of 34 beautiful works by one of Mexico's national treasures, Martha Chapa, is sponsored by the Mexican Consul Generals office in Denver and the City of Steamboat Springs. "With this first international exhibit by the Steamboat Art Museum, we believe that cultural understanding through international art can help to achieve the needs and goals of our growing diversified community," said Robert Dieckhoff, president of the museum's board of directors.

Martha Chapa was born in Monterrey, Nuevo Leon Mexico in 1946. An artist of international importance, Chapa has shown her work in 257 individual exhibitions and 1800 collective exhibitions throughout Mexico, Europe, and the Americas. She has also published 23 culinary books on Mexico and writes many articles for newspapers.

Chapa's work includes many "jux de positions" involving the apple---a symbol of her father, who would often bring her apples as a sign of affection. Her exploration of the apple in so many different scenes---volcanoes, cactus, and still life's---paints an unforgettable portrait of the many emotions one must endure in life.

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The Steamboat Art Museum has now occupied the First National Bank Bldg. for approximately nine months and has had three successful exhibits. These exhibits have shown over 350 works of art loaned from artists, private collectors and individuals. Artists shown have ranged from local artists to internationally known artists and over 10,000 people have viewed the exhibitions.

An exhibition catalog has been printed and will be available for sale during the show. Exhibition hours are 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. Tuesday through Saturday and 12-4 p.m. on Sunday. The Museum is closed on Monday.

For more information contact the Museum at 970-870-1550 or by email at sam@steamboatartmuseum.com.