

# La Vida en Los Dichos (Life in Proverbs)

Artist: Pilar Agüero-Esparza

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## ABOUT THE PROJECT

*La Vida En Los Dichos* (Life in Proverbs), by San Jose artist Pilar Agüero-Esparza, is five murals on canvas. The themes relate to San Jose: the land and valley; education; heroes and history; love and art; and ancestors, legacy and future. Each mural is composed of numerous panels of various sizes, put together like a puzzle. Images include agricultural fields, teaching and story telling, *loteria* cards, musical instruments, and other symbols. The imagery is woven together thematically by Spanish *dichos*, popular Spanish proverbs and sayings that communicate simple wisdom. The *dichos* are translated into English through 3-dimensional text mounted on the adjacent walls.

## ABOUT THE ARTIST

Pilar Agüero-Esparza is a painter and installation artist who has lived and worked in the San Jose community since 1991. Agüero-Esparza has an MFA from San Jose State University and teaches art at The Harker School in San Jose. She is the former Director of Education for the Museum School at the San Jose Museum of Art and Director of Visual Arts Programs at MACLA./San José Center for Latino Arts.



Above (top): View of love and art themed mural  
Above (bottom): View of heroes and history themed mural

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