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Sparking creativity

'Taxi!' exhibit, Gimme Gimmes,
Corrales art tour and more this week



Albuquerque artist Christian Michael Gallegos gets a lot of inspiration from growing up in New York City.

Christian Michael Gallegos was approached by the Harwood Art Center to submit work for an exhibition.

That was nearly two years ago.

Now the Albuquerque resident will present "Taxi!," beginning today at the Harwood Art Center.

**ADRIAN
GOMEZ**



Arts Editor

"This show has always been so far away, it's amazing that it's finally here," he says. "I've been bouncing my work back and forth from museums to slice parlors. It'll be nice to have a new venue for the work."

Gallegos is known for his graffiti-style art.

Since moving to the Duke City in 2004, Gallegos has grown as an artist.

And his latest body of work shows a more refined, clean approach.

"The new pieces are cleaner and brighter," he says. "I'm curious to see what the response is like. I'm still using the same style and inspiration, it's just a lot more refined."

To read more on Gallegos and his new exhibit, see Page 13.

Attention, history buffs. The Huning Highlands tour will explore homes and gardens in the historic neighborhood. Staff writer Rozanna M. Martinez has the latest on the event. See Page 12 to read more about it.

I recently got a chance to catch up with Spike Slawson from Me First and the Gimme Gimmes. The supergroup is one of the most exciting bands to see live, and it will perform at the Sunshine Theater on Tuesday, May 9. To read more, see Page 20.

This weekend, the Corrales Art and Studio Tour takes place. I talked with poster artist Barbara Clark about her process. To read more, see Pages 14-15.