San Diego State University-Imperial Valley showcases art without borders
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CALEXICO — Singing and dancing filled Rodney Auditorium here as San Diego State University-Imperial Valley campus’ Art Without Borders/Arte Sin Fronteras club kicked off its “Artfest 2010” in conjunction with the school’s fourth annual “Explore SDSU-IV Week.”

The first night of events showcased local talent in the forms of singing, instrumental musical performances and dancing, as well as a short “American Idol”-style competition by students who attend SDSU-IV.

Acts like students Andrea Garcia, who performed “Minuet 2” on violin by Johann Sebastian Bach, filled the air with melodious notes as the night went on.

Jose Raul Martinez also performed his own original songs with his acoustic guitar; one such song was “A Song a Sailor Would Sing,” which was inspired by a friend who joined the Navy.

There were various other acts throughout that night which showcased their talents, including poetry readings, a quick showing of some finished works by a guitar luthier and a few dances from Calexico’s own Xochihuitl, a folkloric dance group.

The Art Without Borders club was formed last semester to create an outlet for San Diego State students, as well the community of Calexico and Imperial Valley residents, said Norma Aguilar, SDSU-IV faculty member and adviser of the Art Without Borders club.

“Maggie Zunega, the club president, approached me and said she was interested in bringing the arts out at San Diego State.

The group has been in existence for a while but they’ve only been recognized as an official club through the university since this past fall,” Aguilar said.

“We receive funding through the campus’ IRA, Instructionally Related Activities, funds,” Aguilar said. “We hope that these events enrich the students’ cultural knowledge.”

“We hope this exposure can help bring more members to our club,” Anabel Martinez, one of the event coordinators and club vice president, said.

The club has 15 active members but is looking to expand through this week’s events, Martinez said.
“The events are open to everyone in the community and the art is kid-friendly,” Aguilar said. “We hope more people come (to the events this week).”

Tonight author Manuel Delgado will be reading excerpts from his book “The Last Chicano” and have a book signing at the SDSU-IV library at 5 p.m.

The Art Without Borders/Arte Sin Fronteras “Artfest 2010” is being held throughout this week on the SDSU-IV campus located at 720 Heber Ave. in Calexico.

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IF YOU GO;

- Literary arts: 4-6:30p.m., today
- Film and interactive arts: 4-9p.m., Wednesday
- Painting, photography, and abstract arts: 4-9p.m., Thursday
- Interactive art display: 3-6p.m., Friday

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