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## GRIFFITH PARK FIRE AS ART



While bloggers were out taking photos of the **Griffith** Park fires **May 8**, artist Sandy Rodriguez watch her television set and painted what she saw documenting the wildfire as site specific / media influenced work. The series, including the iconic Griffith Observatory

near flames, was on exhibition in "Burn, Hollywood, Burn" at Echo Park's Underground Gallery.

Thirty-something Rodriguez is a Lincoln Heights native and a grad of CalArts; currently on staff as an education specialist at the Getty. She has also done a series of post Chicana landscapes of Lincoln Park that gave her interest in local history a platform and she explores sites (like one of my old favorites) **Lincoln Park**. I interviewed her for Chicano Arts Magazine, along with curator Armando Torres, spending a Tuesday night at the **Brite-Spot** talking art, the Mayor, and discovering out she is the third generations of female artists in her family.

She rolls with a tough crowd. Her other hobbies include **alligator wrestling** classes.

Pictured: Blue Smoke Rising  
8" x10"  
oil on canvas  
2007

Courtesy of **Sandy Rodriguez**

Add: Closing reception is Friday, July 27 7:30 pm at the small **Underground Gallery** enclosed in Echo Park/Silverlaker suburbia.

Underground Gallery  
1612 Waterloo Street  
Echo Park, CA 90026

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