Gonzalez featured in hometown exhibit

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Photographs from across the world highlights the one-man show by Jimmy Gonzalez now on exhibit at the Jeanerette Bicentennial Museum.

Gonzalez who has traveled the world and gained fame nationally still calls Jeanerette his home.

A special gleam shows in the eyes of Gonzalez as he speaks of Jeanerette and the excitement of his first hometown exhibit. Much of his work has been previously exposed on a national level.

“This is my first serious exhibit in my home town and its very important to me,” he said.

“I want to share my art with family, friends, and neighbors who mean a great deal to me,” Gonzalez added.

Extra effort was put into this special exhibit, giving a cross-section of his work. The exhibit includes highlights of his work since he graduated from the University of Southwestern Louisiana in fine arts until the present time.

Gonzalez was an archaeological illustrator for York Archaeological Trust in London England. He attended workshops at Praestegard School of Photography and Video in Fjerritslev, Denmark.

In 1983 Gonzalez received international recognition in the Kodak Photograph Competition.

Gonzalez’s love for travel has brought him all over the world allowing him to capture the beauty of each individual place. Each has its own mood, with unique people and culture which creates a challenge for him.

The many portraits in Gonzalez’s exhibit show his love for people with an emphasis on south Louisiana.

Much of his work has also been associated with the Artist Alliance of Lafayette.

His collection features hand tinted black and white photographs. The process is a delicate lengthy one but leaves beautiful impressions when artistically done.

“I personally feel satisfied with it. Because of the difficult and lengthy process, I use it carefully only with certain images that require it,” he said.

Gonzalez’s photographs will claim further recognition in the fall of 1987. A collection of his exquisite work will be featured in an Arts Festival in Toulouse France.

“I’m very proud to have my work chosen for this exhibit,” he said.

The public is invited to view the exhibit at the Jeanerette Bicentennial Museum throughout the month of October. The exhibit by the Jeanerette native features the unique people and culture from all over the world.

Photographs from Peru, Belgium, Denmark, Mexico, England and Scotland are just a few of the many being featured in the one-man show.

Museum exhibit

Jimmy Gonzalez shows friends a favorite photograph of his one-man show featured at the Jeanerette Bicentennial Museum. From left (1st row) are Jimmy Gonzalez, Danny Girouard (2nd row) Maurice Dedieu and Mark Pritchard. The exhibit will be featured throughout the month of October.