

Feeling of loneliness, isolation fills exhibit

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A visit by Jose Gomez-Siere to Schweyer-Gallo Gallery in Birmingham gave strong support to what gallery owner Olga Chao is doing. Gomez-Siere, director of the Museum of Modern Art of Latin America in Washington, D.C. and a respected authority in this field, attended the opening of the gallery's show of Latin American art, gave a lecture at Cranbrook and visited with many leaders in the metropolitan art scene. The gallery is showing 16 Latin American artists, on a rotating basis through July 3. Two, Mario Diaz-Bencomo and Alejandro Anreus, are new talents and protégés of Gomez-Siere. As such, they are in good company, for it was Gomez-Siere who Mrs. Chao said, "launched two superstars of South American art, Cuevas and Manabá Mabé." Anreus, born in Cuba in 1960 and now living in New Jersey, does figures using ink on paper with several approaches. But in each instance, the re-

sult is a light, deft touch that produces an almost surreal effect, as if the figures are moving through time and space rather than being closely attached to reality.

DIAZ-BENCOMO WILL most certainly be remembered by gallery visitors, for the large, acrylic abstracts with a palette of startling colors which has some elements of constructivism in it. Diaz-Bencomo was born in Cuba in 1953 and now lives in Miami.

Two others who could be classified among the newcomers, but have had wider exposure are Ramon Carrulla and Felix Angel. Carrulla and Angel, too, do figurative works. Angel's drawings carry statements, not immediately recognized, but telling when they are. Angel was born in Colombia in 1949. He is the author of several books and has been in many individual and group shows in both hemispheres.

Carrulla, born in Cuba in 1938 and now living in Miami, is an exciting artist who deals primarily with the human condition. His acrylics on paper have a quality of Kafka about them. His fig-

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ures confront or reach beyond empty space.

THEY APPEAR TO BE imprisoned either mentally or physically. All of the works suggest loneliness or isolation, imagined or real. These are strong, well-done works with a haunting aspect.

In fact, many of the works in this show have that same quality to a greater or lesser degree. The world of colorful bullfighters, festivals and dancing is non-existent here.

The one touch of humor in the show comes from painter Raquel Lazaro, a Cuban exile now living in Miami who is in her 60s.

Her fantasy-type space ships done in acrylics on canvas have a childlike approach to the subject matter and a grand maturity in the handling of color. Far from a primitive because of her

ability to handle paint, she manages to imbue her subjects (space ships) with rather endearing personalities. Fantasia II looks like a one-man submarine, designed by a creative 18th century thinker.

AMONG THE OTHERS in the show is Felipe Orlando, whom Mrs. Chao calls the "dean of the whole group," sculptor and painter Roberto Estopinan; and Rafael Soriano, whose tellings of the human figure put him among the first rank of South American artists. Humberto Aquino, a photo-realist, and in part surrealist, is represented by one fine example of oil and pencil on paper. Gay Garcia, sculptor, Claudio Juarez, etcher and printmaker, and painters Miguel Jorge, Juan Carlos Liberti, Antonio Lopez-Saenz, Agueda Lozano and Leonardo Niernman all are well-established in the field.

The good part of this exhibit and the presence of the gallery in general is that it brings much of this art to this area for the first time. Until now, there have been only limited opportunities to see work by Latin American artists.

The problem is that it's almost like learning a new language and there are so many elements in this show that it's hard to absorb them all at once. The gallery is at 630 N. Woodward, Birmingham.

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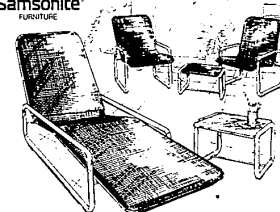
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