Media Advisory

Puerto Rican Artist and Governor Recognized at the National Portrait Gallery

WHAT: Media photo op: a portrait of Luis Muñoz Marín by Francisco Rodón will be installed

WHEN: Thursday, Aug. 13
11:45 a.m.–12:45 p.m.
Media can set up as early as 11:30 a.m.

WHERE: Smithsonian’s National Portrait Gallery
Eighth and G streets N.W.
Third-floor gallery

WHO: Taína Caragol, curator for Latino art and history of the National Portrait Gallery
Fransciso Rodón, artist

The Portrait Gallery will display the portrait of the first governor of the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico, Luis Muñoz Marín, one of the emblematic works by Puerto Rican artist Francisco Rodón.

Considered the father of modern Puerto Rico politics, Muñoz Marín, a writer and senator, became one of the leading figures in the island’s 20th century history as its first democratically elected governor.

Rodón has portrayed several Latin American politicians and cultural influencers. He painted this portrait of his friend Muñoz Marín from 1974 to 1977.

The exhibition of the work, a loan from the Fundación Luis Muñoz Marín Collection, is made possible through the support of the Institute of Puerto Rican Culture and the National Endowment for the Arts.

The painting will be installed on the third floor of the museum and will be on view through 2017.

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