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## **Press release**

### **Art exposition of Puerto Rican artist Javier Vélez, taken to Austria**

Corporea is a Project from the Puerto Rican artist Javier Vélez, where three art techniques are combined: body painting, photography and oleo paint. In this project, the artist uses a body painted as a sketch to create the final art work on canvas. This innovative art collection will be exposed from July 13<sup>th</sup> through the 19<sup>th</sup> during the *World Bodypainting Festival* in Seeboden, Austria.

“This exposition is a tribute to the different female body types. What characterized my work is that I create a piece of art from a body painted. This is the first time that a Puerto Rican exposes in this Festival in Austria, and I’m very proud of that” said Vélez. The *World Bodypainting Festival* receives participants from 40 nations and approximately 25,000 visitors every year, who enjoy art, expositions, international cuisine, music, shows, conferences and competitions.

This Project, of creating art work from bodies painted, integrates, essentially, the greatness of the female body geometries. The paints present a variety of shapes and colors and a technique that is well known by the artist. For him the female body represents an art expression where beauty flows in a natural way.

In addition, the activity will include the Festival Academy Program, which will be performed in the Congress House in Seeboden, Austria, where workshops and conferences will be offered to the artists and will be in the same place where Corpórea will exhibit together with works of other international artists. Vélez is the only member from Puerto Rico that belongs to the World Body Painting Association which is a world-wide organization of artists who promote this art.

For more information about the World Bodypainting Festival visit [www.bodypainting-festival.com](http://www.bodypainting-festival.com). If you want to know more about Corpórea, visit [www.javiervelez.com/corporea.htm](http://www.javiervelez.com/corporea.htm) web page.

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