



Vera Klement **DSCH** 2009-2010 oil, wax, charcoal on canvas 72 x 84 inches



Vera Klement/Dan Ramirez: BODY AND SPIRIT Curated by Elizabeth K. Whiting

## Visual Arts Gallery, Governors State University August 28 – September 30, 2017

Artists' Reception: Wednesday, September 6 from 4:30 to 7:30 p.m. Free and open to the public

On view for "Sculpture, Wine & Dine: a farm to table benefit for The Nathan Manilow Sculpture Park" Saturday, September 9 from 3:30 to 6:30 p.m.

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The exhibition *Vera Klement/Dan Ramirez: Body and Spirit* will explore a selection of works by two legendary Chicago artists whose contributions and reputations are firmly established in the history of art in Chicago.

Dan Ramirez studied under Vera Klement at the University of Chicago when he was an MFA student (1975-77), and he recognizes her as having had the biggest role in his career. He fondly and profoundly stated: "Vera is most responsible for what's happened in my career. She was my mentor at the U of C."

Their paintings are visually disparate and seemingly unrelated, but when their works are considered in close context and in dialog with each other, and when their creative process and sources of inspiration are considered, we begin to see how Klement and Ramirez share an affinity that adds dimension and a deeper understanding and appreciation of each artist's work.





*"I want each pain* ~ Vera Klement

*"I try to aestheticize ideas about the unknown, the spiritual, the sublime."* ~ Dan Ramirez

"I want each painting to be a voyage into the unknown."