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Washington Project for the Arts presents installment VI of its series,
Coup d'Espace:

The Miraculous Artist

A performance and video installation by WPA member artist, Carolina
Mayorga

Exhibition Dates: October 2 – 30, 2009

Exhibition Location: WPA Headquarters, 2023 Massachusetts Ave, NW

Opening Reception: Friday, October 2, 2009 6-8pm

Washington, DC - Washington Project for the Arts presents the fourth installment of *Coup d'Espace*, a program that invites WPA member artists to stage their own exhibitions and programming in our Dupont Circle office space. In this iteration, artist Carolina Mayorga will transform the space into a place for reflection, offering guidance and counsel to visitors.

The Miraculous Artist is an interactive installation comprising video, performance, live music, printed material, and a non-denominational confessional. On opening night, audience members will have the opportunity to consult with and receive free advice from *The Miraculous Artist*. For a small fee, visitors can purchase a variety of laminated cards to that proffer solutions to individual problems (available in English and Spanish). Mayorga's installation will be accompanied on opening night by an improvised organ repertoire performed by musician, Greg Svitil. Svitil has collaborated with Mayorga on past projects such as [Pig Lengua](#) and [Newspaper Soup](#).

Carolina Mayorga's artwork addresses issues of social and political content. Themes of migration, war, and identity are woven throughout the artist's videos, performances, and site-specific installations. Mayorga received her BFA in Art and Textiles in Bogotá, Colombia, and MFA in sculpture from the University of Kansas, Lawrence. Her work has been exhibited recently in solo exhibitions at Transformer, Washington, DC, and the Arlington Arts Center, Arlington, VA.

Please join us for the performance and opening reception on **Friday, October 2 from 6-8pm**, held in conjunction with the Dupont Circle Galleries First-Friday Art Walk. *The Miraculous Artist* performance will take place during the opening reception only; the installation and video will remain on view through October 30, 2009. Gallery hours are Monday-Friday from 10am-5pm.

This exhibition and the opening reception are free and open to the public. High resolution images available upon request.

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