

A TRIBUTE TO CESAR CHAVEZ 2013

DOCUMENTARY FILMS ON THE MEXICAN AMERICAN CIVIL RIGHTS MOVEMENT

Each March the Emma S. Barrientos Mexican American Cultural Center celebrates the legacy of Cesar Chavez (1927-1993) by screening films that reflect the struggle of those that fought for the same civil rights, and equality that Cesar Chavez was so passionate about.



A Class Apart

Directed by Carlos Sandoval & Peter Miller • Black Box Theater • March 8, 7:00 p.m. & March 9, 8:30

In the small town of Edna, Texas, in 1951, a field hand named Pete Hernández killed a tenant farmer after exchanging words in a gritty cantina. From this seemingly unremarkable murder emerged a landmark civil rights case that would forever change the lives and legal standing of tens of millions of Americans.

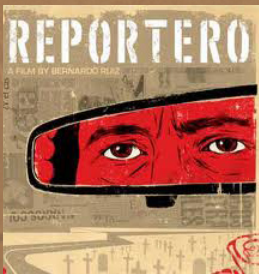


The Fight in the Fields:

César Chavez and the Farmworkers' Struggle

Directed by Ray Telles & Rick Tejada-Flores • Auditorium • March 8, 7:00 p.m.

This film tells the story of César E. Chávez, the founder of the United Farmworkers of America, and the nonviolent movement he inspired that touched the hearts of millions with the grape and lettuce boycotts of the 1960's and 70's. This true story of hope and courage against overwhelming odds as farm workers of the UFW took control of their lives.



Reportero

This event is a collaboration with the award-winning documentary series POV (www.pbs.org/pov)
Auditorium • March 9, 7:00 p.m.

Reportero follows a veteran reporter and his colleagues at ZETA, a Tijuana-based independent newsweekly, as they stubbornly ply their trade in one of the deadliest places in the world. In Mexico, more than 50 journalists have been slain or have vanished since December 2006, when President Felipe Calderon came to power and launched a government offensive against the country's powerful drug cartels and organized crime. As the drug war intensifies and the risks to journalists become greater, will the free press be silenced?



Chicano Rock!

Directed by Jon Wilkman • Black Box Theater • March 8, 8:30 p.m. & March 9, 7 pm

This film tells the story of generations of young Mexican-Americans who proudly expressed their identity through music. Narrated by Edward James Olmos, Chicano Rock! is filled with intimate first person story-telling, rare film and photos, and exuberant music from artists such as Lalo Guerrero, Ritchie Valens, Cannibal and the Headhunters, Los Lobos, and many more.