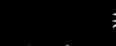
UTRio Grande Valley PRESENTS A SYMPOSIUM FEATURING DOLORES HUERTA

THE PURSUIT OF SOCIAL JUSTICE - PAST, PRESENT, & FUTURE

With panels featuring LUPE, Cosecha Voices, and local activists



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A Symposium Featuring **Dolores Huerta**

The Pursuit of Social Justice - Past, Present, & Future Monday, September 19th, 2022, 11am-5pm



Shaped by her experiences as the daughter of a migrant farmworker and miner, and a single mother, Dolores Clara Fernández Huerta utilized her strength in organization and activism to advocate for the economic and social wellbeing of farmworkers. Born on April 10th, 1930, in Dawson, New Mexico, later relocating to Stockton, California, Huerta would observe the discrimination experienced by Mexican Americans in the workforce and in everyday life. As a young adult, Huerta earned her AA in teaching at the University of the Pacific's Delta College, and although Huerta taught for a short time, it became apparent that in order to fully help the students, she would have to do more for the parents that were experiencing terrible working conditions and low pay and in 1955, began her career as a labor rights activist.

Huerta co-founded the Stockton chapter of the Community Service Organization (CSO), running voter registration drives while focusing on bettering the economic standing of Chicanxs and Latinxs. Through the CSO, Huerta would meet César Chávez, which would lead to the founding of the National Farm Workers Association (NFWA), the predecessor to the United Farm Workers' Union (UFW). Huerta helped organize the 1965 Delano Strike and acted as the lead negotiator for all labor contracts that followed. In 1973, Huerta led an international consumer boycott of grapes which led to the groundbreaking California Agricultural Labor Relations Act of 1975. Throughout the 1970s and 1980s, Huerta continued her activism as a lobbyist, fighting to improve workers' legislative representation, and throughout the 1990s and 2000s, she promoted women in the political sphere and worked to increase the attendance of more Latinxs and women in office.

Because of her activism, Dolores Huerta has been the recipient of various awards, such as the Eleanor Roosevelt Human Rights Award in 1998 and the Presidential Medal of Freedom in 2012.

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Welcome

11:00am-11:15am CST

Dahlia Guerra, Assoc. VP of Public Art

Panel I

11:15am-12:30pm CST

LUPE: Past, Present, and Future

Juanita Valdez-Cox, Tania Chávez, María Gómez, & Marta Sánchez

Moderated by Maritza De La Trinidad

Lunch

12:30pm-1:30pm CST

Ay Mariposa documentary, clip

1:30pm-1:40pm CST

featuring Zulema Hernández Directed by Krista Shyler

Panel II

1:45pm-2:45pm CST

Cosecha Voices - Migrant Farmworker Activism Through Storytelling

Angelica González, Juventina Herrera, Anna Muñoz, Norma Pérez, Ayme Peña & Erika Salamanca

Moderated by José Martínez & Stephanie Alvarez

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Poets Against Walls 2:50pm-3:00pm CST

Video featuring LUPE & other poets by Pepe García Gilling, Juan Torres, & Emmy Pérez

Panel III

3:00pm-4:00pm CST

RGV Activism Today

Denisce Palacios, Josue Ramirez & Gabriel Sánchez

Moderated by Rosalva Resendiz

Introduction

4:05pm-4:15pm CST

Juanita Valdez-Cox

Dolores Huerta

4:15pm-5:15pm CST

Reception at BMFA

5:30pm CST

Smithsonian Exhibit Dolores Huerta: Revolution in the Fields / Revolución en los Campos

Food & Beverages

Featuring PSJA ECHS Conjunto "Los PoderOsos"

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