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## Symbols of Resistance

*A tribute to the martyrs of the Chican@ Movement*



**BOULDER, Colo. (July 31, 2018)** – Colorado Chautauqua Association, the steward of the Colorado Chautauqua National Historic Landmark, invites audiences to join us on Thursday, September 13, 2018 and look at the history of the Chican@ Movement as it emerges in the 1970s. With a focus on Colorado and Northern New Mexico, documentary film “[Symbols of Resistance](#)” explores the struggle for land, the student movement and community struggles against police repression.

This film represents an important component of the Chican@ struggle that is often not well understood – that the movement was not limited to organizing agricultural workers. Viewers get an inside look at how conflicts with government included resisting unprovoked police violence in urban areas and many protests against systemic language discrimination, judicial discrimination, disproportionate imprisonment, and the lack of educational and employment opportunities. These rising community and student movements were targeted by the infamous COINTELPRO (Counterintelligence program) of the FBI, working in tandem with other local, state and federal agencies.

Jasón Romero Jr. will give an introduction as well as participate in a panel discussion after the screening.

[About the panel members:](#)

As a student at the University of Colorado, Boulder, **Dr. Priscilla Falcon** helped establish strong foundations for UMAS during the Chican@ Movement. Even after the death of her husband Ricardo Falcon, also a community organizer and activist, Dr. Priscilla Falcon continues her work as a political organizer.

**Ricardo Romero**, a founding member of the Crusade for Justice and coordinator of the Mexican National Liberation Movement, served time as a political prisoner for his willingness and courage to fight for the people.

Colorado native **Francisco “Kiko” Martinez** was forced to flee to Mexico after the bombings in Boulder killed six Chican@ activists, including his brother Reyes Martinez. Francisco feared his own assassination – beginning his long journey to fight for the rights of the Latino and Chican@ people.

**Esai Lopez** has been an active participant in the Tierra Amarilla Youth Leadership Institute for several years. As a high school student from Denver, Esai is concerned about the social and political challenges facing our communities.

**Nydia Salazar** is a high school student from Greeley, Colorado. She is an active member of *Al Frente de Lucha*, an organization dedicated to the struggle for self-determination. Nydia has been present at protests, and organized youth to support students of Ayotzinapa.

#### TICKET INFORMATION:

- Thursday, September 13 in the Chautauqua Auditorium.
- Doors: 6:30 PM.
- Show: 7:00 PM.
- All tickets: \$12.00 (\$9.00 Chautauqua Concert Member)
- Purchase tickets online now at [www.chautauqua.com](http://www.chautauqua.com).
- The public is welcome to become a member at any time.
- All tickets are subject to a service fee.

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