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Oscar Castillo L.A. Xicano Foto Exhibit: Icons of the Invisible

Icons of the Invisible: Oscar Castillo exhibits fifty images captured by the noted Chicano photographer. Castillo's frames of the August 29, 1970 Chicano Moratorium march and aftermath are among the most lasting images of the consequences of peaceful protest. The police riot that day killed three Chicanos after gassing and putting to rout thousands of people looking for a Sunday in the park with familia.

Oscar Castillo's work, however, extends well beyond the political. His lens has captured thousands of everyday images of people, places, objects, that together form an important visual matrix for understanding la cultura. The exhibition at UCLA's Fowler Museum is free (parking is \$11), and runs through February 26, 2012. It is presented as one element of UCLA's role in *Pacific Standard Time*.

La Bloga attended the "soft opening" of **Icons of the Invisible: Oscar Castillo**. The "hard opening" will be a gala event on October 15 dedicated to memory of Gilbert Magu Sánchez Luján qepd. <u>Email UCLA</u> to attend the soirée.

The morning fête for hoi polloi included numerous friends here to hear a colloquy. Castillo arrived early and conducted impromptu personal tours for early arrivers. The give-and-take with the artist made the event all the



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more rewarding for these gallery goers who adjourned down to the auditorium for the featured talk and power point display.

Joining Castillo for an artist's conversation is photographer and arts profe, Harry Gamboa. Gamboa was one of the four artists in the performance group, <u>Asco</u>. Asco, coincidentally, is the focus of its own major exhibition, <u>Asco: Elite of the Obscure, A Retrospective, 1972–1987</u> at the Los Angeles County Museum of Art.



Castillo (left) and Gamboa's talk invigorates the audience. Among the attendees are a handful of notable artists whose work will hang in the **Mapping Another LA** show. Below, David Botello shares some observations with Wayne Healy looking on.



Here Rosalio Muñoz, one of the Chicano Moratorium organizers, comments on inaccurate data in the tag accompanying one of Oscar's

images of an early 1970 marcha. Muñoz is writing a memoir of his life in activism and has developed a penchant for double-checking historical documents.



Icons of the Invisible: Oscar Castillo features recently scanned archival prints selected from thousands of images Castillo's donated to the Chicano Studies Research Center and UCLA. The fifty on view illustrate the riches of the Castillo archive. The exhibition runs through early 2012, allowing ample opportunity for multiple visits to explore both Castillo's work and the Fowler's stunning exhibition and performance schedule.

On-Line Floricanto for 10 - 11 - 11

October's second Tuesday brings seven arresting poems recommended by Francisco Alarcón and the other moderators of the Facebook group Poets Responding to SB 1070. Today's floricanto brings code-switching, Spanish, or English expression from five poets, John Martinez, Francisco X. Alarcón, Claudia Hernandez, Raúl Sánchez, Jorge Argueta:

"Forest Lawn" by John Martinez

"Against the New HB 56 Law of Alabama - A Calavera Poem"

/ "Contra la nueva ley HB 56 de Alabama - Calavera" by Francisco X. Alarcón

"Arraigada a mi Tierra" by Claudia Hernandez

"Venceremos" por Raúl Sánchez

"Vos" / "You" by Jorge Argueta

FOREST LAWN

by John Martinez