

Workers from Mexico have been an essential part of the United States for many years. At times, they were not only welcomed as workers but were actively recruited. The Bracero Program was established in 1942 to bring Mexican workers to the US during World War II. This exhibit and corresponding events recognize these workers while exploring contemporary issues of labor and migration.

BRACEROS

*Photographed by the Hermanos Mayo
John Mraz, Curator*

BRACEROS Exhibit

Presented in collaboration with: 122 S. Walnut Street *Ivy Tech John Waldron Arts Center*

**Oct. 26 -
Nov. 20**

Mon-Fri 9am-7pm
Sat 9am-5pm

The Museo Nacional de los Ferrocarriles Mexicanos presents BRACEROS, an exhibit that explores the migration experience through the Bracero Program. The photos show scenes at recruiting centers, the emotional parting of families, the protests in Mexico City, and the return from their journey. These historic photographs were taken by the Mayo Brothers, Spanish republicans who fled to Mexico after the Spanish Civil War.

The exhibit also includes a Day of the Dead altar created by Bloomington artist Luz López.

The exhibit is presented in both Spanish and English.



BRACEROS Exhibit Opening Reception

122 S. Walnut Street *John Waldron Arts Center*

Nov. 2

Fri, 5-8pm



Explore the BRACEROS exhibit at the opening reception during first Friday Gallery Walk, with sponsors and staff available for conversation. Diana Velazquez, a local singer and songwriter, will also perform throughout the evening. Light refreshments will be served. Join us for a night of Mexican culture and heritage!

Roundtable: Mexican Labor in Indiana

122 S. Walnut Street *John Waldron Arts Center*

Nov. 13

Tue, 6pm

Visit the Waldron Arts Center for a discussion of historical and contemporary Mexican and Mexican American labor in Indiana. Guests will include Miriam Acevedo Davis (La Plaza), Prof. Sergio Lemus (Latino Studies Program, IU Bloomington), Prof. Michael Snodgrass (Dept. of History, IUPUI), and Jane Walter (El Centro Comunal Latino). Sylvia Martínez (Latino Studies Program, IU Bloomington) will be moderating the event.

