Symbols of Resistance
A Tribute to the Martyrs of the Chican@ Movement

Producer: Freedom Archives

Symbols of Resistance illuminates the untold stories of the Chican@ Movement with a focus on events in Colorado and New Mexico. The film engages student activists, the effect of police repression, and how issues of identity, land, and community still resonate in the Chican@ struggles of today. Through interviews with those who shaped the movement and rare historical footage, Symbols of Resistances offers a window into a dynamic moment in history and movement building.

Interviews include prominent Chicana leader Priscilla Falcón, activist lawyer Francisco “Kiko” Martínez, Mexican Liberation organizer Ricardo Romero, former director of El Pueblo History Museum Deborah Espinosa, and veteran reporter, photographer, and newspaper editor Juan Espinosa.

Closed captions and with Spanish subtitles.

ABOUT THE PRODUCER

The Freedom Archives is a nonprofit educational media archive located in San Francisco’s Mission District dedicated to the preservation and dissemination of historical audio and video documenting progressive movements and culture from the 1960s to the present.

ACCOLADES

“Symbols of Resistance is an important contribution to the critical understanding of the 1960s/1970s Chicano movement.”
—Dr. Carlos Muñoz Jr., author of Youth, Identity, Power: The Chicano Movement

“We are indebted to the recent documentary Symbols of Resistance for bringing to life courageous student leaders in Colorado engaged in the newly formed Chican@ movement for respect and justice.”
—Kathleen Cleaver

“This is a brilliant project of un-forgetting the paradigm shifting Chicana/o movement of the 1960s and 1970s, essential history to be celebrated and emulated.”
—Roxanne Dunbar-Ortiz, author of An Indigenous Peoples’ History of the United States

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