

“Life Along The Border”

Carmen Durazo Cultural Arts Center

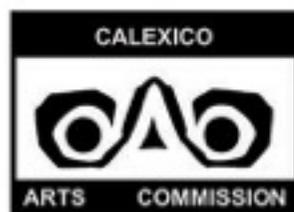
421 Heffernan Avenue, Calexico, California



A photographic exhibition by Jimmy Dorantes



Reception:
Friday, April 29,
at 6:30 p.m.



Gallery Hours:
April 30, May 1 & 7
10 a.m. to 5 p.m.





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SDSU – IV Borderlands Institute presents Photo Exhibition “Life Along the Border” by Jimmy Dorantes

“Life Along the Border” is a photographic exhibition by Jimmy Dorantes. The exhibition displays graphic images of the people, their lives and their struggles as they live along the United States border with Mexico. The opening reception is Friday, April 29th at 6:30 PM at the Carmen Durazo Cultural Arts Center, 421 Heffernan Ave. in Calexico. Meet Mr. Dorantes, view the visual commentary, enjoy refreshments and admission is free.

Jimmy Dorantes received his first camera as a gift when he was only 3 years old and began taking family photos early in his life. He began taking photos with a 35 mm camera at the young age of 11, at which time he took part in a Neighborhood House program in Calexico. There he was given unlimited access to film, 35 mm cameras and a black and white darkroom. By the age of 13 Jimmy began to freelance news photos of the border area for the Calexico Chronicle (a local newspaper).

Jimmy received his formal education in photography at the University of New Mexico’s College of Fine Arts, where he majored in Photography and graduated with Honors. He studied photo history under Beaumont Newhall, the man who wrote the “History of Photography”. UNM proved a turning point in Jimmy’s career, where he began his interest in photography as an art form while continuing to pursue photojournalism.

Jimmy has produced three major photo exhibitions of his work. The HBO *Americanos* project took shape after having worked for several years with actor Edward James Olmos. The *Chicano Now* project partnered Jimmy up with actor Cheech Marin. Jimmy’s work is also part of a semi-permanent exhibit at Disneyland’s *California Adventure*. More recently, Jimmy has taken his photography career in a new direction by becoming a documentary filmmaker.

Flyer / Photo attached

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