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Latino Heritage Live Tour: All They Will Call You

Colorado Humanities is pleased to present our 2017 Latino Heritage Live tour of award-winning author Tim Z. Hernandez' engaging presentation based on his book *All They Will Call You*, about restoring names and faces to the lives lost in the 1948 plane crash memorialized in Woody Guthrie's "Deportees."

On January 28, 1948, twenty-eight Mexican citizens were being deported from Oakland, California to the Mexico border when the government-chartered plane crashed and killed everyone aboard, including the crew and immigration officer. At the time, popular media only mentioned the names of the American crew, and omitted the names of the Mexican passengers. The accident was the basis for a popular American song written by Woody Guthrie, "Deportees (Plane Wreck at Los Gatos)." Guthrie's song was an attempt to restore the dignity of those unnamed passengers, who were eventually buried in an unmarked mass grave in Fresno, California.

Hernandez has spent years locating and interviewing the family members of the passengers, including the pilots, immigration guard, and Mexican citizens, as well as eyewitnesses. His lively and thought-provoking presentation puts names and faces to the human lives directly affected by the historical omission. The program also includes guest musician Daniel Grandbois and Q&A with the author.

"In his lyrics to Plane Wreck At Los Gatos, my father, Woody Guthrie, asked a simple question, 'Who are these friends?' and finally someone has answered that question. Through Hernandez's amazing work, I now know who these people were, their lives, their loves, and their journeys. *All They Will Call You* is a heart wrenching read for anyone who cares, and the names—now etched in stone in a far off graveyard— have become friends who will travel with me as long as I am walking."

-Arlo Guthrie

Programs are free and open to the public.

Wednesday, October 4, 2017, 6:00 p.m.

Community College of Aurora
Fine Arts Building F100
16000 Center Tech Parkway, Aurora, CO 80011

Thursday, October 5, 2017, 6:00 p.m.

Arapahoe Community College
ACC Library
5900 S. Santa Fe Drive, Littleton, CO 80160

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