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"2010 Celebrations in Austin: The Bicentennial of Mexican Independence and the Centennial of the Mexican Revolution"

Our speaker suggests:

Books

The Last Prince of the Mexican Empire, C.M. Mayo, Unbridled Books, Denver, 2009, 419 pgs

The Wind that Swept Mexico, text A. Brenner, photos G.R. Leighton, UT Press, Austin, 1943

Art

"Mexico, the Revolution and Beyond: The Casasola Archives 1900-1940" in Gallery 2 of the Mitte Building at Texas State University until June 30. This is a collection of photos taken by the renowned photojournalist Agustín Casasola.

"¡Viva Mexico!," a collection of photos from Texas State University's permanent holdings at the Alkek Library, on display until July 31.

"Manuel Alvarez Bravo and his contemporaries." Alvarez Bravo is considered the father of Mexican photography. These photographs are on display at the Blanton Museum until 1 August.

"The Indomitable Gaze" ("La mirada indomita"), Gabriel Orozco, at the Museum of Modern Art in New York. The first Mexican artist since Diego Rivera to have a retrospective at MOMA. Next year this exhibition will be in Basel, then Paris and London. A bilingual review is in "Arte al dia" #130.

Food

Ultimate Mexican: A Better Homes and Gardens cookbook, S.I.P, 2010, 143 recipes in 144 pages.

"Mexico's Soul Food," Lygia Navarro, in AFAR, May/June 2010, pp. 54-67, also pp. 3 and 41

Music

19 June: Mariachi Vargas de Tecatitlán, the best and most-recognized mariachi group in the world, at the Long Center for the Performing Arts for one night only.

19 and 20 November: Francisco Ladrón de Guevara-Finck, violin, with the Austin Symphony Orchestra, Peter Bay conducting, Long Center for the Performing Arts. The program will include Galindo, Ponce, Revueltas, Marquez, and Moncayo.

Austin booksellers suggest:

Conquest: Montezuma, Cortes, and the Fall of Old Mexico, Hugh Thomas, Simon & Schuster, New York, 1993, 812 pgs BOR

El Monstruo: Dread and Redemption in Mexico City, John Ross, Nation Books, New York, 2009, 484 pgs BOR

Fire and Blood: A History of Mexico, T.R. Fehrenbach, DeCapo Press, 1995, 702 pgs BOR/BKP

History of the Conquest of Mexico, William H. Prescott, Barnes & Noble, New York, 2004 (1843), 1010 pgs B&N

National Geographic Traveler: Mexico, Jane Onstott, National Geographic, Washington, DC, 2010, 399 pgs B&N

Mexico, Biography of Power: A History of Modern Mexico from 1810 to 1996, Enrique Krause, translated by Hank Heifetz, Harper, New York, 1997, 872 pgs B&N

Mexico City, Puebla and Cuernavaca, Zain Deane, Countryman Press, Woodstock, Vermont, 2010, 344 pgs B&N

NTC's Dictionary of Mexican Cultural Code Words, Boye LaFayette De Mente, McGraw Hill, New York, 1996, 336 pgs B&N

Revolution of Hope, Vicente Fox, Plume Books, 374 pgs BKP

Revolution Rebellion, Resistance, Erin Selbin, Zed Books, 257 pgs BKP

The Complete Illustrated History of the Aztec and Maya, Charles Phillips, Hermes House, London, 2006, 512 pgs BOR

The Labyrinth of Solitude, Octavio Paz, Grove Press, New York, 1972, 398 pgs BOR

The Mexican Wars for Independence, Timothy Henderson, Hill & Wang, 272 pgs BKP

B&N – Barnes & Noble

BKP – BookPeople

BOR - Borders