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**For Immediate Release**

The International Center hosts:

**"Mano a Mano - a Celebration of Mexican Immigrant History in New York"**

Presented by Mano a Mano, a project of the Center for Traditional Music and Dance as part of the Mayor's Office of Immigrant Affairs Annual Immigrant History Week

***Photography Exhibition: Propia Visión (Our Vision): Mexican Photographers in New York***

***Where: International Center in New York  
 50 W. 23<sup>rd</sup> Street, 7<sup>th</sup> Floor***

***When: April 17-May 11, 2006***

***Opening: April 17, 7:00-9:00pm***

***Hours: Monday - Friday from 10:00am - 8:00pm,***

***Saturday 9:30am to 3:30pm***

***FREE TO THE PUBLIC***

March 21, 2006. On Monday, April 17, 2006, Mano a Mano: Mexican Culture Without Borders, The Center for Traditional Music and Dance and the International Center in New York invite you to the opening celebration of Propia Visión (Our Vision): Mexican Photographers in New York. This group show features the work of nineteen Mexican and Mexican-American photographers who make their home in New York City and who, through their work reveal their special vision of the country from which they come and the city in which they live. The exhibit which will occur during Immigrant History Week in New York City will focus on the migrant experience and is curated by Mano a Mano's Enrique González Ibarra.

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**Confirmed Participants:**

(Note: Interviews and photographs are available for advance publication)

- Martirene Alcántara
- Eugenia Arias
- Mónica Aspe
- Brenda Campos
- Margarita Carmona
- Alejandro Esquiliano
- Mayra García
- Mary Teresa Giancoli
- Enrique González Ibarra
- Pedro Lasch
- Ángel López
- Israel Lucas
- Edgar Márquez
- Gabriela Mendoza
- Julio Ortega
- Cristian Peña
- Paulina Perera-Riveroll
- Elvis Solís
- Javier Soriano

**The Presenters:**

**Mano a Mano: Mexican Culture Without Borders** an initiative of the Center for Traditional Music and Dance (CTMD) in the Mexican community of New York, is in its fourth year of presenting major collaborative cultural events in the New York City area. Composed of Mexicans and Mexican-Americans of many generations and occupations, the Mano a Mano Organizing Committee strives to present the rich range of Mexican cultural forms. In December 2005, Mano a Mano became incorporated in the state of New York. (<http://www.manoamano.us>).

**The Center for Traditional Music & Dance (CTMD)** one of the nation's premier traditional arts organizations, builds cross-cultural awareness by nurturing and preserving the performing arts traditions of New York City's immigrant and ethnic communities. The Center develops and presents research-based performance and education programs for general and community audiences, collaborates with cultural institutions, documents traditions, produces audio and visual publications, maintains an extensive archive, promotes performance opportunities and builds support for community-based cultural expression. (<http://www.ctmd.org>).

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**The International Center in New York**, founded in 1961, is a privately funded, unique language learning Center for immigrants and foreign-born newcomers to New York City. Among the members in our international community are immigrants, US Citizens, refugees, asylees, diplomats, visiting business professionals, international students, temporary visitors and families. They offer the region's largest one-to-one partnership program, a variety of discussion and lecture classes, structured eight to ten week English courses, practical skills training workshops, and cultural programs that help more than 2,500 members build new lives in the United States. (<http://www.intlcenter.org>)

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**Directions:** Take the R, 6, F or V to 23<sup>rd</sup> Street.

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