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The Bronco Exhibit Gallery Displays Art Against Impunity Artists Demand Justice for the Political Prisoners of Atenco, Mexico

POMONA, Calif. — March 10, 2009 — The Associated Students Incorporated Bronco Exhibit Gallery (Bldg. 35-2300 Corridor) in collaboration with Bronco Broadcasting's Cal-Pulli Sound System show is hosting "Art Against Impunity: An Exhibit to Demand Freedom and Justice for the Atenco 13" from March 9 – April 10. The exhibit will display mixed media including text, photography, political posters, stencils, and video. An ending reception will take place April 9 from 1 to 4 p.m. in the Bronco Student Center's Andromeda Suite (Bldg. 35-2345), which will include a screening of the documentary "Atenco: Breaking the Siege" followed by a Q & A session and letter writing campaign.

In Atenco and Texcoco, Mexico, police attacked flower vendors in May 2006 wherein the public sympathized with the vendors and not the police. This incident caused police to arrest and abuse more than 200 people during a two-day street fight which resulted in the death of two young boys.

The Atenco 13 refers to 13 individuals who have been wrongfully prosecuted because of their role in the resistance. The prisoners are members of the People's Front for Defense of the Land, a movement in defense of the government unjustly taking farmlands. The police have intentionally targeted the movement because of its activism. These individuals were arrested a year after the incident and face various prison terms ranging from four to 67 years.

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The national and international campaign for freedom and justice for the Atenco 13 has gained worldwide attention with recognition from Amnesty International as well as artists such as Manu Chao. This campaign aims not only to free the Atenco 13 but also to stop human rights violations and the criminalization of social movements in Mexico.

For more information on the struggle of the Atenco 13 visit www.atencolibertadyjusticia.com. To find out more about "Art Against Impunity," visit Cal-Pulli Sound System's blog at www.calpullisoundsystem.blogspot.com or contact ASI Art Manager Maria-Lisa Flemington at (909) 869-4829.

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