

Mono & Mural

Mono + Mural is a collaborative initiative, sponsored by the Annual Latinx Communities Conference, the Department of Arts and Design and the Baker Gallery Endowment. Alejandro 'Mono' Gonzalez, is a renowned Chilean artist and main representative of muralism in Chile. Mono will visit West Chester University to give a public master class directed to students in Art and Design, Latin American Studies and related fields. While in residence, and with occasion of the fifteenth anniversary of the Latinx Communities Conference, as well as the 50th year since the Chilean Coup d'Etat, Mono and his assistant will perform an indoors mural in Sykes Student Union, which will live in the building as a local cultural heritage and a homage to Latinx cultures in our campus and region. In addition, a planned exhibition, will take place in Baker's Gallery, sponsored by the Baker Arts Endowment.

In the late 1960's, Alejandro 'Mono' Gonzalez founded *La Brigada Ramona Parra*, a street arts informal school and a collective of young painters that left a heritage of visual social messages in the walls and public buildings of Santiago de Chile. During the Chilean dictatorship, several of Mono's authored murals were erased with white paint, but were later restored and declared national monument heritage during the Chilean democracy. With more than 50 years of trajectory, Mono has performed murals in several localities in Chile, Argentina, The Netherlands, Italy, Canada, China, the United States, France, Cuba, between others. Besides muralism, Mono González is a serigraphy artist and has worked as a scenographer for important film productions and theaters. He currently dictates master classes on the social impact of public art and directs, along with his son, Sebastián González, an art gallery and school of street arts in Santiago, Chile.

EXHIBIT

August 29 – October 13, 2023
The John H. Baker Gallery

ARTIST LECTURE

September 26th, 12:30 PM
The John H. Baker Gallery
Open to the public. Limited Seating Available.

PRINTMAKING MASTERCLASS

September 26th, 3:00 PM – 5:30 PM
The John H. Baker Gallery
Masterclass for ART241 students or by invitation.

LATINX COMMUNITIES KEYNOTE

September 28th, 12:30 PM
Sykes Student Union Building
Visit <https://www.wcupa.edu/arts-humanities/languagesCultures/LatinoConference/> for information about the 2023 Latinx Communities Conference.

The John H. Baker Gallery

The John H. Baker Gallery is open to the public Monday to Friday from 9:00 AM to 4:00 PM and Saturdays by appointment. The gallery is located at:
*West Chester University
The E.O. Bull Center for the Arts
2 East Rosedale Avenue
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