

## BENITO JUÁREZ: A HERO'S LEGACY

*Headlines from History series examines Mexico's 26<sup>th</sup> president*

**Wheaton, Ill., August 11, 2022** — The Robert R. McCormick House at Cantigny Park continues its Headlines from History series with “Benito Juárez: the Nature of Heroism in Complicated Times.” Author and historian Mauricio Tenorio-Trillo will present on **Thursday, August 25, at 7 pm.**

The free program will take place in person at the Cantigny Park Visitors Center Theater (parking \$5) and online via Zoom. Those needing a Zoom link must register in advance at [Cantigny.org](https://www.cantigny.org).

Benito Juárez was president of Mexico from 1858 until his death in office in 1872. From the late 19<sup>th</sup> century to the present, he has occupied a prominent place in Mexico's national pantheon as liberal leader, constitutional reformer, defender of national sovereignty, and advocate for democracy and equal rights. A Zapotec, Juárez was the first indigenous president of Mexico, and the first indigenous head of state in the postcolonial Americas.

Tenorio-Trillo's presentation will help you know Juárez, from his humble beginnings through his heroic years of leadership during challenging times.

**Mauricio Tenorio-Trillo** is the Samuel N. Harper Professor of History at the University of Chicago; and professor asociado at Centro de Investigación y Docencia Económicas (CIDE), Mexico City. His latest books are “Clio's Laws: On History and Language” (2019), and “Latin America: The Allure and Power of an Idea” (2018). He holds a Ph.D. from Stanford University.

Cantigny Park is open daily from 7 am to sunset. For more information and a calendar of upcoming events, please visit [Cantigny.org](https://www.cantigny.org).

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### **About Cantigny Park**

Cantigny Park, part of the Chicago-based Robert R. McCormick Foundation, is the 500-acre Wheaton estate of Robert R. McCormick (1880-1955), long-time editor and publisher of the *Chicago Tribune*. It is home to the McCormick House, First Division Museum, display gardens, picnic grounds, walking trails and a Visitors Center with retail shop, banquet, and dining facilities. More information, including hours, directions and upcoming events is online at [Cantigny.org](https://www.cantigny.org). Cantigny Golf, adjacent to the park, features a 27-hole championship golf course, full-service clubhouse, Cantigny Golf Academy and the 9-hole Cantigny Youth Links. For more information, visit [CantignyGolf.com](https://www.CantignyGolf.com).

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