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## ***Toledo Museum of Art Explores Mexican Modernist Photography***

### ***Lola Alvarez Bravo and Her Circle***

February 8–June 2, 2008

**Toledo, Ohio**—On Friday, February 8, 2008, the Toledo Museum of Art (TMA) opens the exhibition *Lola Alvarez Bravo and Her Circle*. This free exhibition presents photographs from Throckmorton Fine Art in New York, along with photographs from the TMA collection, that explore the intellectual and artistic ferment in Mexico in the 1930s and 1940s.

When Lola Alvarez Bravo (1903–1993) and her husband, Manuel Alvarez Bravo (1902–2002), first took up photography in the late 1920s, Mexico's new socialist government was promoting intellectual freedom and a greater role for the arts. This attracted many influential photographers from Europe and the US including Tina Modotti (1896–1942), Paul Strand (1890–1976), Edward Weston (1886–1958), and many others. Mariana Yamplosky (1925-2002) was Lola's best-known student and is also included within this circle for her photographic portraits of Mexican village life. These artists were free to explore endless possibilities in their work, escaping conventional methods of expression and in turn making major contributions to the Mexican Modernist movement.

This group of photographs by Lola Alvarez Bravo and her close circle of friends highlights the diverse artistic perspectives and visual innovations born during this highly creative period in post-revolutionary Mexico.

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Organized by Throckmorton Fine Art, New York.

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*Admission to the Museum is free. The Museum is open Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, and Saturday, 10 A.M.–4 P.M.; Friday, 10 A.M.–10 P.M.; Sunday, 11 A.M.–5 P.M.; but closed Mondays and major holidays. Friday evening hours are made possible by Fifth Third Bank.*

*The Museum is located at 2445 Monroe Street at Scottwood Avenue, just west of the downtown business district and one block off I-75 with exit designations posted. For general information, visitors can call 419-255-8000 or 800-644-6862, or visit [www.toledomuseum.org](http://www.toledomuseum.org)*