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2018 Altar of the Dead Día de Muertos

November 1-5 | 2018

Meyerson Symphony Center
2301 Flora St., Dallas, TX, 75201

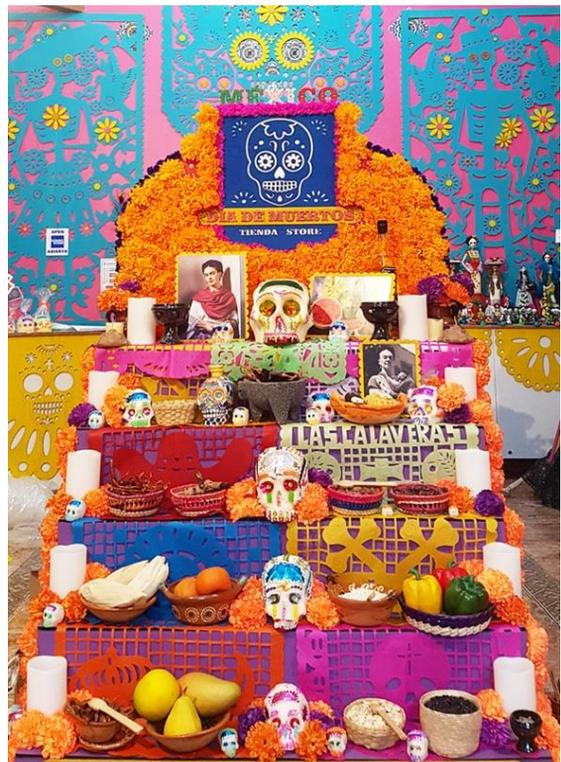


El Día de Muertos, or the Day of the Dead, is a Mexican holiday where people celebrate the lives of family members and friends who have departed from our world. While it may seem like a sad holiday meant to remember deceased loved ones, Día de Muertos is a joyous celebration of life with very comical and ironic undertones and vivid and colorful sensations.

From October 31st to November 2nd families reunite with departed loved ones to remember funny anecdotes and share memories about their life.

*Oh, tu que pasando vas
Fija los ojos en mí
Cual tú te ves yo me vi
Cual yo me veo te verás*

*Oh, you who are passing by
Fix your eyes upon me
Like you are, I saw myself
Like I am, you will see yourself*



An altar in the State of Mexico.

Often wrongly confused with Halloween, Día de Muertos is a unique festivity whose heritage goes back to indigenous life. Its beginnings come from a fusion of pre-Colombian and Catholic traditions towards mourning death. In indigenous communities, when a person passed away they were

still considered to be part of the community. They believed the souls returned to Earth during one day of the year - Día de Muertos. The city of Toluca in the State of Mexico throws a huge celebration called the *Feria de Alfeñique* which features molded-sugar art and the city's famous sugar-skull candies.



Program

Thursday | November 1 | 2018

6:30PM	Arrival of Guests
7:00PM	Welcoming Remarks by Debi Peña, Dallas Symphony Orchestra
7:05PM	Remarks by Francisco de la Torre, Consul General of Mexico in Dallas
7:10PM	Altar Explanation by Isabel Guadarrama, State Of Mexico Institute of Artisanry Research and Promotion
7:15PM	María Dolores García Cruz, artisan from the State of Mexico
7:20PM	Conclusion of Event

Day of the Dead bread and hot chocolate provided

Popular Symbols of El Día de Muertos

The Altar || La ofrenda

The altar is like a shrine to the deceased that guides the spirits on the pathway to reuniting with their loved ones. Food, gifts, photos, candles, and decorations are put on the altar to remember the deceased.

The Marigold || La flor de cempasuchil

The marigold's name, cempasuchil, derives from the Nahuatl word zempoalxochitl which means twenty-flower, referring to the flower's twenty petals. It is also called 'the flower of death.' They say the color and the scent of the flowers help guide wandering souls to their places of rest.

The Skull || La Catrina

You've probably seen these figures in drawings and maybe even painted on the faces of celebrants! La Catrina, which means 'elegant skull,' is a cultural figure designed by José Guadalupe Posada and is the most popular symbol of the holiday.

The Pierced Paper || El Papel Picado

These special decorations paint the sky on Día de Muertos. Bright sheets of paper are cut into intricate designs and hung or placed on altars.

*Rosa divina que en gentil cultura
Eres, con tu fragante sutileza....
En cuyo sér unió naturaleza
La cuna alegre y triste sepultura
- Juana Inés de la Cruz*

This artwork is part of the AGI collection "Kahlo Rivera 100" featured at UNT On The Square in Denton. Go to untonthesquare.unt.edu for more details.



This year's Altar is dedicated to the acclaimed 20th century Mexican artist Frida Kahlo and other prominent Mexican women.

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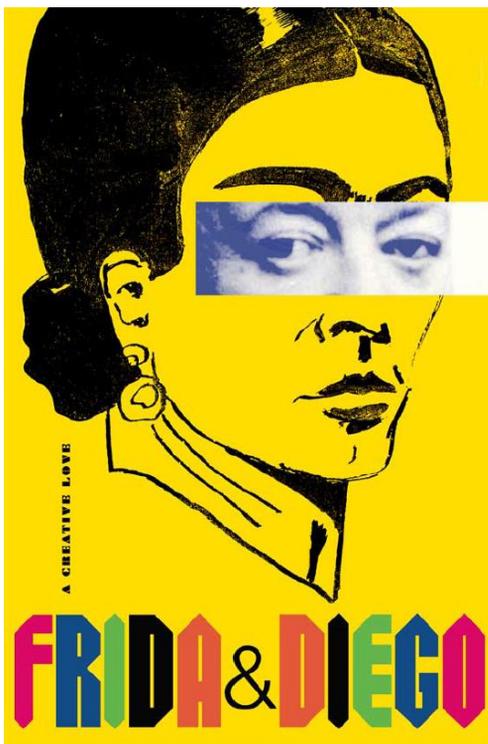
As in previous years, the Consulate General of Mexico in Dallas in partnership with the Dallas Symphony Orchestra build an altar with the help of this year's artistic participation by artisan María Dolores García Cruz, the State of Mexico Secretary of Tourism and its Institute of Artisanry Research and Promotion.

This year the Consulate General celebrates its Centennial (1918-2018) of providing services and building prosperity between Mexico and North Texas. Celebrating this cherished ritual, increasing awareness and knowledge of Mexican culture, and sparking curiosity to know more in the minds of both young and old, Latino and non-Latino is part of the mission of the Consulate General of Mexico in Dallas.

We celebrate Día De Muertos by dedicating the 2018 Altar to Frida Kahlo and prominent women of Mexico.



Antonieta Rivas Mercado
(1900-1930)



Italo Lupi | AGI



Nahui Olin
(1894-1978)



Tina Modotti
(1896- 1942)



Sor Juana Inés de la Cruz
(1648-1695)



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