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10th Annual Day of the Dead Celebration in New York City
Hands-On Experience of Traditional Mexican Culture

Manhattan Nov. 9—11, 2012

New York, NY, November 7, 2012. —Mano a Mano returns to St. Mark's Church in-the-Bowery to celebrate Day of the Dead (*Día de Muertos*) and share this ancient Mexican tradition in a series of events that will include interactive, educational and cultural celebration featuring traditional altar building, workshops, and live musical performances in the East yard of St. Mark's (10th Street and Second Avenue in Manhattan) from Friday, November 9th to Sunday, November 11th, 2012.

Day of the Dead celebrates an ancient Mexican tradition that brings together family and friends to remember past loved ones. Marigold (*Cempasúchil*) flowers, burning copal incense, fresh *pan de muerto* bread, candles, sugar skulls, photographs and mementos of the departed will adorn the special altar.

This year, Mano a Mano is honoring Mexican and Mexican-American women. Ten local artists have created banners representing women who have made an impact in our society including Sor Juana Inez de la Cruz, Josefa Ortiz de Dominguez, Frida Kahlo, Gabriela Anzaldua and celebrated singer Selena Quintanilla among others. The artists will carry their banners in a procession through the Village streets with the pre-Hispanic dance group Cetiliztli Nauhcampa Quetzalcoatl in Ixachitlan departing from Union Square Park on November 10th at 1 pm.

Every year Mano a Mano pays tribute to prominent Mexicans and Mexican-Americans who have died. This year we are honoring author Carlos Fuentes, singer Chavela Vargas, the sculptor Elizabeth Catlett, actor/director Julio Alemán, actress Lupe Ontiveros and the actor/director Pedro Almendáriz Jr.

Mano a Mano invites everyone to come and remember their own departed loved-ones and bring copies of photographs, candles, and marigold flowers to adorn the community Altar throughout the four-day celebration.

Program highlights include:

- Visitors of all ages can attend workshops where they learn traditional Mexican paper crafts on Friday and poetry writing in English, and Spanish on Sunday.
- Musical presentations by Mariana Ramírez & Diana Malgrejo: Mexican Marimba Duet as well as Mariachi Flor de Toloache on Sunday.

- During this time, the public is invited to come share the bread and flowers and join in the clearing away of the altar.

Mexican food and crafts will be available for purchase throughout the event, including:

Hot drinks: *Atole* (Hot gruel flavored with cinnamon), *Chocolate caliente* (Hot chocolate)

Traditional dishes: Chicken with mole sauce (chilies and chocolate)

Tamales and *sopes* (Corn based dumplings with different toppings and fillings)

How to Get There: Subway: #6 to Astor Place, L to 3rd Avenue, F to Second Avenue, or any train to Union Square. Bus: M8, M15, M101, M102, M103.

Accessibility: This event is wheelchair accessible.

For information please visit: www.manoamano.us, call 212-587-3070 or email: info@manoamano.us.

About Mano a Mano:

Mano a Mano: Mexican Culture Without Borders is a New York-based non-profit organization 501(c)(3) dedicated to celebrating Mexican culture and promoting the understanding of Mexican traditions through Mexicanidad, an arts, culture and humanities program, and annual celebrations of holidays

Mexican Holiday Celebrations:

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