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[Mano a Mano](#) hosts its fifth annual Day of the Dead (Dia de los Muertos) celebration with a variety of events and workshops in the churchyard of [St. Mark's in the Bowery](#) (10th Street and Second Avenue in Manhattan) from October 30th to November 2nd. Schedule:

#### Thursday, October 30

2-6pm: Workshop in altar building  
 6:30pm: Traditional Dance Procession Assembles at Union Square  
 7-8pm: Traditional Dancers Arrive at St. Mark's for Ceremony at the Altar

#### Friday, October 31

6-8pm: Three Workshops: Paper Crafts for Day of the Dead, Sugar Skulls, Day of the Dead Bread  
 7-8pm: Performance by La Carpa: "Bailando Con la Más Fea" (Dancing with the Ugliest One); "Francisco y la Muerte" (Francisco and Death); "El Leñador" (The Firewood Collector) –Three short theatrical pieces, based on traditional stories, performed in Spanish with English translation

#### Saturday, November 1 – All Saints' Day

3-5pm: Four Workshops: Paper Crafts for Day of the Dead, Sugar Skulls, Day of the Dead Bread, Poetry for Day of the Dead  
 7-8pm: Performance by Semilla: Traditional Fandango from México

#### Sunday, November 2 - All Souls' Day

4-6pm: Four Workshops: Paper Crafts for Day of the Dead, Sugar Skulls, Day of the Dead Bread, Poetry for Day of the Dead  
 6-7pm: Musical Performance by Mariachi Tapatio de Alvaro Paulino  
 7-8:00pm Taking Down of Altar by Public

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Performances by guest artists La Carpa and Semilla will take place Friday and Saturday evenings respectively (see schedule below). The celebration will end with a performance by Mariachi Tapatio de Alvaro Paulino. During this time, the public is invited to come share the bread and flowers and join in the clearing away of the altar.

All events are free and open to the public. Mexican food 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 (chiles and chocolate)

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

Desserts:

Calabaza dulce y conservas (Caramelized pumpkin chunks with preserves)

Churros (Extruded fry dough)

Mexican sodas and chips

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.

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