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**Hands-On Experience of Traditional Mexican Culture *Día de los muertos* /
Day of the Dead**

Manhattan Oct. 29—30 and Nov 1—2, 2011

New York, NY, October 5, 2011.—Mano a Mano: Mexican Culture Without Borders announces its ninth annual **Day of the Dead** (*Día de los muertos*). A variety of events and workshops will be offered in the churchyard of St. Mark's in-the-Bowery (10th Street and Second Avenue in Manhattan) from Saturday, October 29th to Wednesday November 2nd. All events are free and open to the public.

Day of the Dead has been one of Mexico's most important festivals since pre-Hispanic times. It is a time for families to gather and welcome the souls of the dead on their annual visit home. *Cempasúchil* (marigold) flowers, burning copal incense, fresh *pan de muertos* bread, candles, sugar skulls, photographs and mementos of the departed adorn special altars.

The series of events will include altar building, workshops, dance, poetry and music. This year, we will be remembering the Women of Juárez, Victims of Drug Trafficking, and Children Who Have Died. We will also be remembering beloved Mexican comedian **Gaspar Henaine**, best known as **Capulina**, who died Friday September 30th. A weekend Mexican Market will provide visitors with a chance to buy authentic products for their altars.

Mano a Mano invites all New Yorkers to come and remember their own departed loved-ones and bring photographs, candles, and marigold flowers to adorn the Altar throughout the four-day celebration.

Program Highlights include:

- A procession through the Village streets and blessing of the altar by the prehispanic dance group Atl Tlachinolli, October 29th at 3 pm starting at Union Square Park
- Visitors of all ages can attend workshops where they will learn traditional Mexican paper crafts, bread making and poetry writing on Saturday, October 29th and Sunday, October 30st

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- As well as a presentation/documentary film about human traffic victims by CauseVision on Sunday, October 30th
- The celebration concludes Wednesday, November 2nd with a stunning performance by Mariachi Tapatio de Alvaro Paulino. After the presentation, the public is invited to 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 (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.



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