



Día DE LOS MUERTOS

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DAY OF THE DEAD

Mano a Mano:

Mexican Culture Without Borders

Presents Five Days of Traditional Mexican Celebration

St. Mark's Church in-the-Bowery

October 28th - November 1st

New York, NY, October 13th, 2006. Mano a Mano: Mexican Culture Without Borders, invites you to participate in events and workshops to celebrate the traditional **Day of the Dead** in the churchyard of St. Mark's (10th Street and Second Avenue in Manhattan) from October 28th to November 1st. All events are free and open to the public.

The **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. In Mexico, the **Day of the Dead** is celebrated over an entire week with the preparation of altars, foods, dance, music and special offerings for people who have died in accidents, as well as children and adults. Mano a Mano recreates the magical space of a village churchyard during the celebration of **Day of the Dead** and has organized a series of events including altar-building, workshops, dance, poetry and music. This is a great opportunity for New Yorkers to remember their own departed loved-ones by bringing photographs, candles and flowers to adorn the altar throughout the week. Now in its 3rd year, this 5-day community event is sure to become a New York tradition. This year we partner with community organizations to commemorate women who have died violently on the border in Juárez, Mexico, child victims of domestic abuse and people who have died of AIDS worldwide. Folks wishing to march with Mano a Mano in the Village Halloween Parade are asked to dress in black and meet at the altar between 3:00 and 5:00 p.m. Halloween night.

Schedule of Events:

Saturday, October 28th: Altar for Accidental Deaths

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| 12:00 – 4:00 pm | Installation of an altar for the deceased in the East Yard of the church. |
| 4:30 – 6:00 pm | Free workshop on paper wreaths and flowers for the altar led by Margarita Larios. |
| 6:30 pm | Presentation of the Altar, dedicated to the murdered women in Juárez, México. |
| 7:00 - 8:00 pm | Celebration with Mariachi Santa Ana. |

Sunday, October 29th:

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| 10:00 am - 8:00pm | The altar is open to the public. |
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- 4:30 – 6:00 pm Free workshop in making traditional bread for the Day of the Dead led by Luis Romero.
- 6:30 - 8:00pm Welcome the Aztec dance procession from the American Indian Community House.

Monday, October 30th: Altar for the Little Angels

- 10:00 am - 8:00 pm The altar is open to the public.
- 5:00 – 6:30 pm Free workshop in *calaveras de azucar* (sugar skulls) for the altar led by Inés Rivera.
- 6:45 pm Presentation of the altar, dedicated to children who have died in domestic violence.
- 7:00 – 7:45 pm Mexico Beyond Mariachi performs "*La Calavera Sonriente* / The Smiling Skull".

Tuesday, October 31st:

- 10:00 am - 8:00 pm The altar is open to the public.
- 3:00 - 5:00 pm Creation of Mexican costumes for the Halloween Parade.
- 7:00 pm Mano a Mano participates in the Greenwich Village Halloween Parade.

Wednesday, November 1st: Altar for Adults

- 10:00 am – 8:00pm The altar is open to the public.
- 5:00 pm – 6:15 pm Free workshop in writing *esquelas* (memorial cards) for the deceased.
- 6:30 pm Presentation of the altar, dedicated to people who have died of AIDS worldwide.
- 7:00 – 8:00 pm Contest for the best *calavera* poetry (traditional satirical poems which poke fun at death) with prizes!

Velación – Candlelight Vigil for All Saint’s Day

- 11:00 pm – 8:00am The Concheros Citlaltonac, led by Antonia Guerrero with special guest, Tita Bilbao from Mexico, invite the public to participate in an all-night *velación* (candlelight vigil) in the church’s Parrish Hall. There will be altar-building, singing and prayers to accompany the souls of the departed. The Concheros dance has survived through the centuries after the Conquest of Mexico, perpetuating the wisdom of the ancient Mexicans into contemporary times.

The Concheros will finish their *velación* at dawn on November 2nd.

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. All programs between 4:30pm – 8:00pm will have bilingual sign language interpretation in English and Spanish.

For more information please visit: www.manoamano.us, call 646-290-6242 email: info@manoamano.us.



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