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POSADAS Y PASTORELAS: A HOLIDAY FIESTA WITH FUN FOR ALL AT
MUSEUM OF THE CITY OF NEW YORK
SUNDAY, DECEMBER 16

WHAT: CHILDREN'S HOLIDAY CELEBRATION FEATURING
A TRADITIONAL MEXICAN PLAY AND PARADE WITH CRAFTS, MUSIC,
AND FOOD

WHEN: SUNDAY, DECEMBER 16, NOON-5 P.M.

WHERE: MUSEUM OF THE CITY OF NEW YORK
1220 FIFTH AVENUE AT 104TH STREET

A lively and heartfelt family celebration featuring Mexican traditions will take place at the Museum of the City of New York (1220 Fifth Avenue at 104th Street) on Sunday, December 16th, from noon to 5 p.m. All visitors are welcome to join the larger New York community as the Museum ushers in the season's festivities with Mexican crafts and tamale-making demonstrations; a traditional play and neighborhood procession; and a *fiesta* full of *piñatas*, food, and fun. Children of all ages are invited to participate in this interactive and educational afternoon of centuries-old customs.

The 4th annual *Posadas y Pastorelas* holiday event will kick off with various hands-on workshops designed to teach children and family members about the cultural and culinary traditions of Mexico. Children will then don costumes for the annual *Pastorela*, or shepherd's play, and take to the streets for a procession (*Posada*) through the local neighborhood. Along the way, children will stop to sing at various community locations in an enactment of Mary and Joseph's search for lodging. Finally, the children will be welcomed back to the Museum for a grand *fiesta* with candy-filled *piñatas*, music, and refreshments.

The *Posadas y Pastorelas* celebration is presented in collaboration with *Mano a Mano: Mexican Culture without Borders*. Additional support is provided by the NYC Department of Cultural Affairs; the New York State Council on the Arts' Folk Arts Program; State Senator José M. Serrano; City Council Member Melissa Mark-Viverito; and *El Diario/La Prensa*.

Posadas y Pastorelas is free with Museum admission. Museum admission is a suggested donation of \$9 for non-members of the Museum; \$5 for members, seniors, and students; and free for children under 12.