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NYC Celebrates the Day of the Dead

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New York City celebrates the Day of the Dead, or *Día de los Muertos*, October 30 through November 2.



Day of the Dead Altar (Andrew Rollinger/by-nc-sa/flickr)

Día de los Muertos is known as one of Mexico's most important celebrations, and is celebrated all over the United States by Mexican families and friends.

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For up to seven days, families welcome the souls of departed loved ones to the next world by burning copal incense and leaving marigold (*cempasúchil*) flowers, fresh *pan de muertos* bread, candles, sugar skulls and photographs at altars and tombstones.

Anyone who wants to celebrate the final day of the holiday in New York can head to [St. Marks Church on the Bowery](#) at 5 P.M. where the community center [Mano a Mano](#) has organized an altar building ceremony and a performance by one of New York's premier marichi bands, [Mariachi Tapatio de Alvaro Paulino](#).

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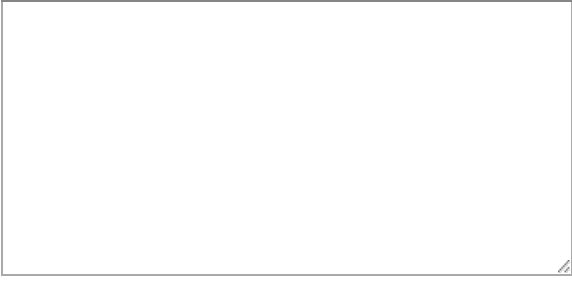
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