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Mano a Mano presents Day of the Dead | Día de Muertos

Oct. 28—31, 2016 1-6pm

All events are free and open to the public.

New York, NY, October 20, 2016 –Mano a Mano: Mexican Culture Without Borders brings Mexican traditions to New York at its annual celebration of **Day of the Dead (Día de Muertos)** with live musical performances and art-making workshops October 28 - 31 from 1-6pm at the East Yard of St. Mark's in the Bowery (11th Street and Second Avenue in Manhattan).

Day of the Dead celebrates an ancient Mexican tradition that brings together family and friends to remember past loved ones. Marigold (*Cempasúchil*) flowers, burning copal incense, fresh *pan de muerto* bread, candles, sugar skulls, photographs and mementos of the departed will adorn the special altar known as *Ofrenda*. In Mexico, 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. Mano a Mano recreates the magical space of a village churchyard during the celebration and has organized a series of events including altar building, workshops, dance, and music.

This year Mano a Mano will remember victims of femicide on Oct 28 and 29. About 66,000 women and girls are violently killed every year according to the Small Arms Survey based in Geneva, Switzerland. Mano a Mano will adorn its main altar in pink in remembrance of the hundreds of thousands of women who have been killed violently in Mexico and other parts of the world. Join us by placing pink roses on the altar as we remember them.

In accordance with tradition the altar will change daily. On October 30 and 31 Mano a Mano will remember Mexican superstar Alberto Aguilera Valadez better known by his stage name of **Juan Gabriel** who died August 28 from a massive heart attack. He is Mexico's bestselling artist of all time and considered a musical icon in the Spanish speaking world.

When: Oct. 28—31, 2016 - 1-6pm

Where: East Yard at St. Mark's Church in-the-Bowery – 131 10th St., New York, NY 10003

Schedule of activities:

Friday, October 28 - In Remembrance of Victims of Femicide

1-6pm | Marketplace

Mexican handcrafts and folk art, *papel picado*, sugar skulls, *pan de muerto* bread, and Mexican food on sale.

1pm | Altar Building

Members of the public can join our team in altar building. We encourage everyone to bring pink roses to adorn the altar.

4pm | Workshop: Paper Flowers

Create your own paper flowers and place them as an offering at the altar or take them home with you.

Saturday, October 29 - In Remembrance of Victims of Femicide

12-6pm | Marketplace

2pm | Workshop: Skull masks

Join artist Andrea Arroyo to create your Mexican skull (*calaca*) mask.

4pm | Claudia Valentina

Enjoy this special performance by singer Claudia Valentina as we remember Mexican superstar Juan Gabriel

Sunday, October 30 - Tribute to Juan Gabriel

1-6pm | Marketplace

1pm | Altar Building

Members of the public can join our team in altar building. We encourage everyone to bring copies of photographs of departed loved-ones to adorn the altar.

3pm | Cetiliztli Nauhcampa

Enjoy a special performance by artist collective Cetiliztli Nauhcampa Quetzalcoatl in Ixachitlan as we honor our ancestors and departed loved-ones.

4:30pm | Fandango with Son Pecadores

Enjoy a special performance by Son Pecadores a collective that shares the centuries-old traditions from Veracruz.

Monday, October 31 - Tribute to Juan Gabriel

1-6 pm | Marketplace

12pm | School group visits

Scheduled Day of the Dead presentations for groups students.

5pm | Mariachi Tapatio

As we come to a close, join us for a special Mariachi performance

6pm | Taking down the Altar & closing

Items from the altar are shared with the public.

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)

About Mano a Mano: Mexican Culture Without Borders

Mano a Mano: Mexican Culture Without Borders is a New York-based non-profit organization 501(c)(3) dedicated to celebrating Mexican culture and promoting the understanding of Mexican traditions.

General Information about the event

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.

Venue:

St. Mark's Church in-the-Bowery

131 E 10th St (at Second Ave.), New York, NY 10003

Organizer:

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