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2019 DÍA DE LOS MUERTOS ARTS FESTIVAL

Tulsa, OK – Living Arts of Tulsa, in partnership with Guthrie Green and Casa de la Cultura is hosting Tulsa's annual Día de los Muertos Arts Festival on **November 1st, 2019, 5:00 – 11:00 PM**. Día de Los Muertos (Day of the Dead) is a celebration of the Hispanic heritage honoring loved ones who have passed away. This year the event will be held from Living Arts of Tulsa (307 East Reconciliation Way), to Guthrie Green (111 East Reconciliation Way).

The southern blocks along East Reconciliation Way between Living Arts of Tulsa and Guthrie Green will be blocked off for merchant vendors and food trucks. Merchant vendors and food trucks will be open from 5:00 – 9:00 PM. Performances will take place at Guthrie Green from 5:30 – 9:00 PM, culminating in the procession to Living Arts of Tulsa to bless the altars.

Featured Events at Living Arts for November 1st Festival (5:00 – 11:00 PM):

Activities will include face painting, sugar skull decorating, churros, dance floor with DJ, and bar. The festival will celebrate Día de Los Muertos traditions with a display of altars to honor those who have passed. Altars will be blessed at 9:00 PM, the procession will start at the Guthrie Green Stage and end at Living Arts of Tulsa.

Altars will be up at Living Arts of Tulsa through November 23rd, 2019. The cornerstone of the Día de Los Muertos Arts Festival are the altarpieces, decorated for the spirits of those who have passed from this earth. In Hispanic culture spirits of the dead are remembered and believed to return to join the living who are holding vigil by their altar.

Featured Events at Guthrie Green (5:00 – 9:00 PM):

Guthrie Green will host all merchant vendors and food trucks from 5:00 – 9:00 PM. A map of all vendors will be published closer to the festival date. Guthrie Green will have a giant sugar skull and flower instillation on their stage.

Guthrie Green will host all performances on their stage from 5:30 – 9:00 PM. Full schedule of performances will be announced on October 1st, 2019. Current performing artists include Beyana Band, Danza Santa María, Ballet Folklórico Sol Azteca, Grupo Soniak, & more!

Feature Programs through November at Living Arts of Tulsa :

telatúlsa: Tulsa's Latino Theater

This Tulsa gem was founded in 2014 and is Tulsa's first and only Latinx theater dedicated to creating evocative, Latino-based performance for diverse audiences.

Don Juan

Original text by José Zorrilla

Adapted and Directed by Tara Moses

In many countries around the world during Día de Muertos, the Spanish romantic-phantsmagoric-religious drama Don Juan Tenorio by Jose Zorrilla is performed. Don Juan tells the story of the arrogant and frivolous Don Juan, whose only interest in life is seducing women - with or without their consent. In this new adaptation, we view the classic 16th-century story with our modern eyes as we change the narrative to reflect agency, accountability, and the dangers of machismo culture. This riveting new adaptation has sword fighting, bolero dancing, and restitution for Doña Inés and Doña Ana.

Tickets are \$5 - \$15

Performances:

Thursday, November 7th at 8:00 PM

Friday, November 8th at 8:00 PM

Saturday, November 9th at 8:00 PM

Thursday, November 14 at 8:00 PM

Friday, November 15th at 8:00 PM

Saturday, November 16 at 2:00 PM

Culture Crafts: Sugar Cookie Skull Decorating

Nov. 16th, 10:00 – 12:00 PM. Students will be decorating sugar cookies in the shape of skulls with frosting, corresponding with the sugar skull decorating event at the festival.

Movie Night: Pixar's *Coco*

Nov. 22th, 6:00 – 8:00 PM. The movie follows the story of Miguel, who embarks on an extraordinary journey to unlock the real story behind his family history in the stunning and colorful Land of the Dead. Snacks will be available for purchase.

Applications to Participate in the 2019 Día de los Muertos Arts Festival:

Altar Application Open until October 11th, 2019 - <https://forms.gle/LvNUr3uDWXhp6RQu7>

Classroom Altar Application Open until October 11th, 2019 - <https://forms.gle/aBNUGCBYdc9vivsM9>

Mural Application Open until October 11th, 2019 - <https://forms.gle/7ZjgCG33dKX9CWSb7>

Merchant Vendor Application Open until October 11th, 2019 - <https://forms.gle/a69Npwk2PTuB2v1dA>

*All submissions for Merchant Vendors will be sent to Guthrie Green though Living Arts - PRICE IS \$25. Guthrie Green will be providing a 10x10 tent, 8-foot table, lights, and 2 chairs for all vendors.

For more information about sponsorship or event details then contact Sina McLin at admin@livingarts.org.

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