



ALTAR CONTEST

OCT 26

10AM **TO** 5PM



OCT 27

12PM **TO** 5PM

CONTEST RULES AND GUIDELINES

This invitation is open to the general public until Friday, Sept. 27 at 5PM (or until spaces are filled). Due to limited space a maximum of 20 altar applications will be accepted.

1. The contest is limited to one altar per family or organization.
2. Participants will decorate their creations with various materials and elements that embody the theme of death and include a brief description of what their altar represents with the theme of the altar, and the names of participants.
 - The following materials are not permitted in the contest: **burning candles, sound/amplification, unwrapped foods or open drinks/containers. Nails, staples, thumb tacks and tape are not allowed on walls.**
 - Altars should measure a maximum of 8 ft long by 2½ ft wide and should have no more than three levels or “steps” (from table top). A table and black table cloth will be provided. *Please be mindful of assigned space limits and boundaries.*
3. **All set-up will take place on Thurs, Oct 24 beginning at 10AM and must be completed by 8PM.** Spaces are limited and will be assigned on a first-come, first-served basis. **All tear-down will take place on Thursday, Oct. 31 between 2PM and 9PM and on Friday, Nov. 1 between 7AM and 2PM.**
4. Altars will be displayed at:
Mesa Arts Center - Farnsworth Studio Theater
One E. Main St. Mesa, AZ 85201
5. The costs of materials, transportation, set up and removal are the responsibility of participants.
6. The judging panel is composed of committee members affiliated with the Hispanic cultural community in the City of Mesa.
7. The judges will consider the following criteria:
 - Traditional Approach or Contemporary Approach
 - Written dedication and meaning
 - Creativity and artistic design
8. The judge's decisions cannot be appealed and any matter not outlined in this invitation remains under the arbitration of the Dia de los Muertos event committee.
9. The altar reception and awards ceremony will take place on Sat, Oct 26 at 8:30AM in the Farnsworth Theater and Lobby.

PRESENTED BY:

MESA ARTS CENTER

IN COLLABORATION WITH

**THE CONSULATE
GENERAL OF MEXICO
IN PHOENIX**



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AWARDS

1ST PLACE

- 8 tickets to a performance at Mesa Arts Center
- 8 admissions to the i.d.e.a. Museum & Arizona Museum of Natural History
- Mesa Arts Center Education Classroom gift certificate valued at \$100
- Invite to be featured altar and altar contest judge at next year's event

2ND PLACE

- 6 tickets to a performance at Mesa Arts Center
- 6 admissions to the i.d.e.a. Museum & Arizona Museum of Natural History
- Mesa Arts Center Education Classroom gift certificate valued at \$75

3RD PLACE

- 4 tickets to a performance at Mesa Arts Center
- 4 admissions to the i.d.e.a. Museum & Arizona Museum of Natural History
- Mesa Arts Center Education Classroom gift certificat valued at \$50

CERTIFICATES AWARDED TO ALL PARTICIPANTS



NAME

ADDRESS

PHONE

TITLE

BRIEF SUMMARY

SEND COMPLETED APPLICATION
BEFORE SEPT 27, 2019 TO

Mesa Arts Center MS-7710
2019 Día de los Muertos
Festival Altar Contest
P.O. Box 1466
Mesa, AZ 85211

Or email completed application to:
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