

# 2018 DIA DE LOS MUERTOS ALTAR CONTEST



**Presented by:**  
Mesa Arts Center  
in collaboration with  
The Consulate  
General of Mexico  
in Phoenix  
and the  
Mesa Association  
of Hispanic Citizens

**OCT 27, 10AM - 5PM | OCT 28, 12PM - 5PM**

## CONTEST RULES & GUIDELINES

This invitation is open to the general public until Fri, Sept 28 at 5PM (due to limited space only 16 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.
3. **All set-up will take place on Thurs, Oct 25 beginning at 10AM and must be completed by 8PM.** Spaces are limited and will be assigned on a first-come, first-serve basis. **All tear-down will take place on Mon, Oct 29 beginning at 8AM and must be completed by 8PM.**
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 27 at 8:30AM in the Farnsworth Theater and Lobby.

## AWARDS

### 1st Place:

- 8 tickets to a performance at the Mesa Arts Center
- 8 admissions to the i.d.e.a. Museum and Arizona Museum of Natural History
- Mesa Arts Center Education Classroom gift certificate valued at \$100

### 2nd Place:

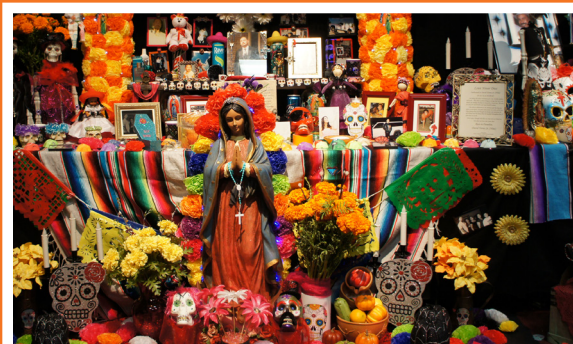
- 6 tickets to a performance at the Mesa Arts Center
- 6 admissions to the i.d.e.a. Museum and Arizona Museum of Natural History
- Mesa Arts Center Education Classroom gift certificate valued at \$75

### 3rd Place:

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

## ADDITIONAL SURPRISE PRIZES!

Certificates awarded to all participants.



**Send completed application before  
Sept 28, 2018 to:**

Mesa Arts Center MS-7710  
2018 Dia de los Muertos  
Festival Altar Contest  
P.O. Box 1466  
Mesa, AZ 85211

Or email completed application to:  
Shawn.Lawson@mesaartscenter.com

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BRIEF SUMMARY