

## Family and Artist Dia De Los Muertos Workshops

It's time again for the annual **Dia de Los Muertos Festival**, the premier Latino arts and cultural event in the Bay Area! This year's celebration is scheduled for **Sunday, October 26, 2008** from 10am to 5pm along International Boulevard and in the Fruitvale Village in Oakland, California. This year's theme is ***Honoring the Past, Celebrating the Future***. The celebration of El Dia de Los Muertos represents a centuries-old tradition of honoring, remembering, and celebrating the life of departed loved ones, and it is a vital part of Mexican and Latin American cultures.

This year we will be hosting a series of workshops featuring professional and community artists who will share their skills and talents through a series of exciting and innovative interactive sessions. Our workshops offer a unique opportunity to learn the traditions and techniques of indigenous Dia de Los Muertos art forms directly from artisans from Latin American countries, including Mexico.

All art workshops are free and open to the entire community including families, individuals and groups. They will be held on Thursday evenings from 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. at Libros, Arte and Cultura, located at 2501 International Avenue at 25<sup>th</sup> Street in Oakland. To participate, please fill out an application.

Workshop participants and members of the public are also invited to submit an entry to create and display altars at the 2008 Dia de Los Muertos Festival. Sixteen designs will be selected, and each artist will receive a stipend of \$200 for materials and supplies. Application forms are available at Libros, Arte y Cultura and can also be downloaded from [www.unitycouncil.org/ddlm/altars.htm](http://www.unitycouncil.org/ddlm/altars.htm).

For information about art classes, please contact Peter Perez, Lead Artist Coordinator at (510) 436-6672 or [peterperezq@aol.com](mailto:peterperezq@aol.com), or contact Hector Rangel, Director of Libros, Arte y Cultura, at (510) 355-4699 or [ran\\_hector@yahoo.com](mailto:ran_hector@yahoo.com).

Special thanks to the Oakland Cultural Funding Program for making these classes possible.

### **Altar-Making Workshop**

Guest Artist: Ernesto Olmos  
Learn the essential elements of creating traditional and contemporary Dia de los Muertos altars.  
August 14, 2008

### **Calaveras Paper Mache Workshop**

Guest Artist: Ernesto Cortes  
Create your own skeletal for altars and altar boxes.  
August 21, 2008

### **Clay Tile Workshop**

Guest Artist: Nuala Creed  
Study the art of clay tiles with an internationally noted ceramic artist.  
September 4, 2008

### **Small Box Altars**

Guest Artist: Patricia Rodriguez  
The curator of the Mission Cultural Center for Latino arts will teach you to make box altars on a smaller scale.  
September 11, 2008

### **Papel Picado Workshop**

Guest Artist: Hermina Albarran Remero  
Awarded a "National Endowment for the Arts" for *papel picado*.  
Begin making your own papel picado (paper cut in designs).  
September 18, 2008

### **Paper Flower Workshop**

Guest Artists: Hector Rangel / Peter Perez  
Learn to make paper flowers – as pretty as fresh ones, plus they last longer.  
September 25, 2008

### **Sugar Skull Workshop**

Guest Artist: Daniel Camacho  
Over two sessions, the workshop covers the basics of molding and decorating *calaveras de azucar*.  
October 2, 2008 and October 9, 2008



## Family and Artist Dia De Los Muertos Workshop Application

Please fill out the following information to participate in any or all workshops:

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_

PHONE #: \_\_\_\_\_ E-MAIL: \_\_\_\_\_

### WORKSHOPS INTERESTED IN ATTENDING:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> <b>Altar-Making Workshop</b><br>August 14, 2008          | <input type="checkbox"/> <b>Papel Picado Workshop</b><br>September 18, 2008                 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> <b>Calaveras Paper Mache Workshop</b><br>August 21, 2008 | <input type="checkbox"/> <b>Paper Flower Workshop</b><br>September 25, 2008                 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> <b>Clay Tile Workshop</b><br>September 4, 2008           | <input type="checkbox"/> <b>Sugar Skull Workshop</b><br>October 2, 2008 and October 9, 2008 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> <b>Small Box Altars</b><br>September 11, 2008            |   |

### Send or deliver application to:

The Unity Council's Art Competition  
c/o Libros, Arte y Cultura  
2501 International Blvd,  
Oakland CA 94601

### For more information please contact:

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