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2017 DAY OF THE DEAD FESTIVAL FESTIVAL DEL DIA DE LOS MUERTOS

***AN INVITATION TO CREATE AN ALTAR!**

The Living Arts and Science Center will celebrate their 10th annual Day of the Dead Festival this year and would like to extend a special invitation to you to participate.

***The staff at the LASC would like to acknowledge and thank Christ Church Cathedral, owners and care takers of the Old Episcopal Burying Ground, for their continued support and permission to use the cemetery for the altar installations and the displaying of this year's Community Schools Art Project during our festival.**

Create a traditional or conceptual Day of the Dead altar on the gravesites in the Old Episcopal Burying Ground at the corner of 3rd St. and Elm Tree Lane.

DEADLINES:

- Entries will be accepted as space allows.
- Altar Installation: Wednesday, November 1st from 12:00PM – 5:00PM. Please contact Jeffrey Nichols at jnichols@lasclex.org to set-up an installation schedule and arrange access to the cemetery.
- To reserve a specific location within the cemetery please contact Jeffrey Nichols at LASC: (859)252-5222



Primary viewing of the cemetery altars will take place during the Living Arts & Science Center's Day of the Dead Festival, Wednesday, Nov. 1, 5 – 9 PM.



Photograph by James Burgett

DAY OF THE DEAD FESTIVAL, Wednesday, Nov. 1st, 5-9pm:

A participatory event, the LASC's festival invites children and adults to work with artists to decorate traditional sugar skulls, create papel picado (cut paper) streamers, and design large scale sand murals. Traditional Mexican musicians and dancers will perform and at dusk, will lead participants in a beautiful candlelight parade from the LASC to the Old Episcopal Burying Ground at 3rd Street and Elm Tree Lane. In the cemetery, participants may view an exciting exhibition and talk with artists and community members who have created both traditional altars as they would be presented in Mexican cemeteries as well as conceptual altar designs inspired by this joyful celebration.



Adan Utrera, *Altar*, 2012

Altar Exhibition

Dia de los Muertos -- which falls on the Catholic All Saints' Day and All Souls' Day, the 1st and 2nd of November -- brings together family and friends to remember those who have passed away. Mexican traditions include building altars in homes and on gravesites and using many traditional items such as candles, flowers, the deceased's favorite foods and drinks, photographs, and other items specific to the individual, to create a colorful tribute.

Altar Designs: In the past, many artists have been inspired by traditional altars but opt to use their own themes, designs, and materials to honor or remember an individual or group.

We are inviting you to create either a traditional or conceptual altar at the Old Episcopal Burying Ground on the corner of 3rd St. and Elm Tree Lane.



Details and Eligibility:

Artists may work as individuals, partners or may coordinate a group altar. A limited amount of financial assistance up to \$50 may be available depending on the LASC receiving the necessary support funding for individual artists who need help purchasing materials for the construction of their altar. Only one stipend will be paid per entry. **School groups and community groups are encouraged to participate but are ineligible for stipends.**



How to Enter: Please use the attached entry form to describe in 200 words or less your proposal for an altar, including the materials you will use and the estimated size of the piece. Proposals may include photographs and/or sketches. All visual media will be accepted and different cultural interpretations are encouraged.

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(Please retain a copy of the entry form for your personal records.)

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Entry for Altar Exhibition in Cemetery

Artist Name _____

Group Name (if applicable) _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ ZIP _____

Phone _____ Phone #2 _____

Email _____

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*SS# _____ *Date of Birth _____

*Number of people in household: _____ *Annual Income: _____

*Amount requested (\$50 maximum) _____

Description of proposed entry

Attach supporting sketches or more info if needed.

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Please send entry form to:

Jeffrey Nichols / The Living Arts & Science Center

362 N. Martin Luther King Blvd./ Lexington, KY 40508

Or via email to: jnichols@lasclex.org, Call Jeffrey at 859-252-5222 with questions