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# Fiesta Cultural continues with Día de Los Muertos celebrations

Fiesta Cultural sees new and returning events celebrating Día de Los Muertos

Fiesta Cultural, Lane County's largest celebration of Latino/a/x/e arts, culture, and heritage continues this November with Día de los Muertos events. During November and December, a number of celebrations and events centering around Latino/a/x/e holidays will be held in Eugene and Springfield. Events in early November will focus on Día de los Muertos, a holiday originating from Mexico. The holiday centers around the belief that on these days the souls of the dead return to the world for a few brief hours and are welcomed with a feast of foods and drinks that they enjoyed in life. This lively and cheerful celebration is enjoyed as a time of family and community.

#### Día de los Muertos

Community members are invited to attend and participate in Día de los Muertos celebrations:

Día de los Muertos Saw Dust Mural Wednesday, November 2, 11am-4:30pm Springfield City Hall, Fountain Plaza, 225 5th St, Springfield

Artists César Abarca and Lilia Valencia will be creating a saw dust mural on the Fountain Plaza in front of Springfield City Hall and Springfield Public Library. Community can come and assist the artists on a drop-in basis. At 4pm there will be a dedication ceremony and dancing on the mural.

Día de los Muertos Procession Wednesday, November 2, 4:30pm Springfield City Hall, Fountain Plaza, 225 5th St, Springfield

This event is an afternoon of remembrance and celebration for the Día de los Muertos procession in the heart of downtown from Springfield City Hall to the Springfield History Museum, featuring live music, a dedication of a saw dust mural, a traditional dance and a Community Ofrenda/Altar. There will be a procession to the Museum at 5pm.

Digital photographic exhibition opening reception: "Fiesta de la Vida, the Day of the Dead in Mexico"

Opening reception Friday, November 4, 6-8pm with music by Mariachi Monumental, tamales, traditional bread, chocolate and sugar skulls 1004 Willamette St, Eugene

This exhibition, featuring photographers Maricela Figueroa Zamilpa and Guillermo Reza, shows scenes from the intimacy of homes, to flowery cemeteries, markets, cultivation fields of ancestral flowers, and celebrations through the streets of Mexico.

Presented by Comunidad y Herencia Cultural and Eugene Arte Latino as a part of City of Eugene's Windowfront Exhibitions.

Día de los Muertos Exhibit Through November 4 Fiesta Reception Friday, October 28, 5-8pm Maude Kerns Art Center, 1910 East 15th Ave

The Maude Kerns Art Center celebrates the 29th annual Día de los Muertos Exhibit in 2022 with artwork, community altars, and a special Día de los Muertos Gift Shop. The exhibit can be viewed in person or online.

# 41<sup>st</sup> Annual Día de Los Muertos Celebration November 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup>, 5:30pm Procession beginning in front of <u>Jordan Schnitzer Museum of Art</u> University of Oregon campus

The Jordan Schnitzer Museum of Art, Oak Hill School, MEChA de UO, Division of Equity and Inclusion UO, and Adelante Sí are hosting their 41st annual celebration of el Día de los Muertos. Celebrations include a streamed musical performance by Alma de Cuerdas de Oaxaca, dancing by Familia Lara Stephens and Ballet Folklórico Colibrí, and an art exhibition by Grabadores Guanajuatenses. There is also a children's art workshop led by artist Raymundo González Nieto and Hannah Bastian.

### Fiesta Cultural Events continue through December in Lane County

Fiesta Cultural will feature more cultural events that highlight Latino/a/x/e artists and celebrate the diversity of Latino/a/x/e arts and culture. Events are added regularly. Art exhibitions, music and dance performances, classes and workshops, talks and presentations, and conversations can be found in the communities of Eugene, Springfield, Florence, and beyond. Highlights include:

- Alebrijes Workshop at the Springfield Public Library on November 5<sup>th</sup>
- Saturday Market's Día de Los Muertos Mercado on November 5<sup>th</sup>
- Talk by Silvia Moreno-Garcia at the Downtown Eugene Public Library on November 6<sup>th</sup>
- Salsa & Bachata Fridays with Salseros Productions and live music by Orquesta Descarga at the Vet's Club, 1626 Willamette St, Eugene, every Friday, lesson at 9pm and open dancing at 10pm

# View the full listing and details of Fiesta Cultural events: <u>lanearts.org/fiesta-</u>cultural

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### **About Lane Arts Council**

Lane Arts Council is a nonprofit organization that works to cultivate strong and creative arts communities throughout Lane County. They provide high-quality arts experiences, engaging people of all ages in arts education and encouraging artistic endeavors.

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